

Resolution 1982-02

MARION GOODRICH SMITH

AN APPRECIATION

Marion Goodrich Smith was born in Nashville, Tennessee, son of Eugene Gray Smith and Elizabeth Goodrich Smith on 22 February, 1900. He was educated in the public schools of Davidson County, graduating from Hume-Fogg High School. At Vanderbilt, where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, he received his Bachelor of Law degree in 1921.

After completing law school and being admitted to practice, he chose instead to enter the automobile business with his brother, E. Gray Smith, as a dealer. He engaged in this business until his retirement in 1979, operating it alone following his brother's retirement which occurred several years earlier. During his career, his firm was the purveyor of such prestigious conveyances as those bearing the names of Packard and of Rolls-Royce.

In 1925, he was married to Miss Nancy Manier of Nashville. To their union were born three children, Sarah Beverly (Mrs. George) Nickey of Memphis, Marion G. Smith, Jr. of Nashville, and Elizabeth G. (Mrs. James O., Jr.) Bass of Nashville and several grandchildren.

In 1942, Marion and Nancy Smith bought the residence at 301 Clarendon Avenue in Belle Meade where they made their home and raised their children. In 1980, finding smaller quarters more appropriate to their needs, but wishing nevertheless to remain in the City of Belle Meade, they moved to 438 Royal Oaks Drive where they now make their home.

Long interested in and acquainted with the affairs of the City of Belle Meade where he had made his home for many years, he was elected a Commissioner of the City to succeed R. Walter Hale, Jr. in 1959, and thereafter was reelected, most recently in 1978. From 1972 until the present, he served as Vice Mayor acting on many occasions as Mayor, and participating in many important policy decisions of the City.

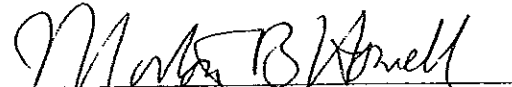
By his gentility, even temperament, quick perception, and diplomatic approach, he early endeared himself to his many friends, school mates, and business associates. Although conservative by nature, he welcomed innovation in the service of the community and gave unstintingly of his time and talents in public service. This is manifest not only in his Belle Meade services, but also by his membership in Rotary Club of Nashville.

Though his modesty made him unwilling to assume the Mayor's office, his wisdom and understanding of civic affairs, and his patience with his colleagues, as well as with his fellow citizens, have illuminated his years of service and made a place for him in the hearts of all those who have served with him.

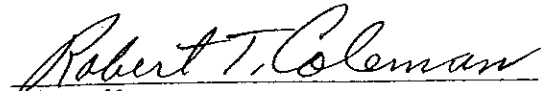
It is therefore with deep regret that the Board of Commissioners has accepted the resignation of Marion G. Smith as Commissioner and Vice Mayor, submitted on 1 July, 1982, because of ill health. Nevertheless, as assurance to him and to his family that his years of devoted service to the City of Belle Meade will be long remembered and that he will continue in the warm and affectionate regard of all who have served the City of Belle Meade with him, the Board of Commissioners has

upon unanimous vote adopted this expression of esteem and appreciation in the form of a resolution, which will be spread upon the records of the City, and a copy, suitably engrossed and certified, will be delivered to Marion Goodrich Smith.


IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have adopted this resolution this 18th day of August, 1982.



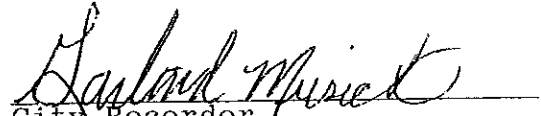
Mayor



Vice Mayor



Commissioner



City Recorder