

In Memoriam



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa takes pride in recognizing those individuals whose commitment and dedication have made a lasting impact on our community and its citizens. One of these individuals was **Frank Sylvester Stewart**, a beloved Tampa citizen, educator, and prominent attorney who passed away on Saturday, March 22, 2014 at age 75; and

WHEREAS, a Tampa, Florida native born on February 12, 1939 to the late Garland V. and Beatrice Stewart, Attorney Stewart grew up with his older brother, Delano, and attended Hillsborough County Public Schools, graduating from Middleton High School in 1957 and thereafter, in service to the country he loved, he served in the United States Army and received his honorable discharge in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Attorney Stewart attended Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, and thereafter received a degree in Business Administration in 1962 from Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Florida, and upon graduation, he returned to his hometown of Tampa and worked with the Hillsborough County School District teaching mathematics at N. B. Young Junior High School; and

WHEREAS, following his dream to practice law, Attorney Stewart enrolled in North Carolina Central University School of Law in Durham, North Carolina, where he was Editor and Chief of the Law Journal, and earned his Jurist Doctorate in 1973; and

WHEREAS, returning to Tampa to become a dedicated member of the legal profession, Attorney Stewart practiced law with his brother, Attorney Delano Stewart until he joined the Hillsborough County State Attorney's Office in 1976 as an Assistant Prosecutor, and thereafter opened his own private practice in 1981, where he remained until 2007, when he joined the law office of Attorney Nathaniel Tindall; and

WHEREAS, admired as a man dedicated to his profession as well as his community, Attorney Stewart was a member of the Graduate Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, the American Legion, the Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter of the National Bar Association, and a longtime and active member of his beloved Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, well-known throughout the Tampa Bay community as a person of great integrity, compassion and kindness, Attorney Stewart was a teacher and mentor who cared deeply for his fellow citizens, and was a loving and devoted family man, and although we are grieved at the loss of this outstanding citizen, his legacy will continue to live on through the improvements he brought to our community and in all those whose lives he has touched.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by the virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby urge all citizens to join me in publicly expressing sorrow and heartfelt appreciation to the Frank Sylvester Stewart Family, his wife Carol, children Javan, Stephen, Jeffery, Kendra, Emanuel and Samuel, Grandchildren, brother Delano, and other family members, and to express our hopes that they will take solace in their cherished memories and the impact of his life on our community.

Dated this 28th day of March, 2014.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor