

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 **Robert Benjamin (Doc) Morrison, Sr.**, a well-respected pharmacist and businessman who passed away on Tuesday, April 6, 2016 at age 90; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morrison was born in Boston, Massachusetts on October 26, 1925, the son of the late Reverend Lenworth S. Morrison, Sr. and Elizabeth J. Morrison, the fifth of their eight children, and the family relocated to Florida when he was a toddler, first moving to Tampa and then settling in Fernandina Beach; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation from high school, Mr. Morrison served the country he loved with the United States Army in 1944, during World War II, and thereafter he returned to Florida to attend Florida Memorial College in St. Augustine prior to completing his studies and earning his Bachelor of Science Degree in Pharmacy in 1952 from Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known as “Doc Morrison,” he began his outstanding career as a pharmacist working in several drug stores around the state of Florida including Reyno Pharmacy in Jacksonville, South Parramore Pharmacy in Orlando, and Wells Drug Store in Tampa; and

WHEREAS, in 1956, Mr. Morrison open **Morrison’s Pharmacy** in Tampa on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, and in an effort to better serve the community, he later opened two additional stores, and he faithfully served Tampa and its citizens for over forty-two years, establishing a loyal customer following with his thoughtfulness, compassion and high standards; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morrison was granted emeritus status from the Florida Board of Pharmacy for his over fifty years of dedication and service to his profession, and he was a dedicated member of several organizations including the Hillsborough County Pharmaceutical Association, Florida State Pharmaceutical Association, National Association of Retail Druggists, and he was a devout member of First Baptist Church of College Hill; and

WHEREAS, known as a kind man, true to his word and to his friends, and an inspiration to all who knew him, he will be forever remembered for his devotion and love of his wife and family, his ethics and generous nature, 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 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 Robert Benjamin Morrison, Sr. Family, his wife Helen, sons Robert, Jr. and Jerome, daughters Teresa and Gianna, Grandchildren and other family members, and to express our hopes that they will take solace in their many cherished memories and the impact of his life on our city.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 11th day of April, 2016.



Mayor

