

# City of Boston

IN

## CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILLORS CHARLES C. YANCEY AND CHUCK TURNER

**MARVIN E. GILMORE, JR.**

- WHEREAS: Musician, humanitarian, entrepreneur, and honored World War II veteran, Marvin Gilmore, on May 20, 2010 became the first African-American to receive the French Legion of Honor medal, which was presented by the French Consulate of Boston in a ceremony at the Massachusetts State House, and which acknowledged Gilmore's heroic performance in the Liberation of France during World War II; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. Gilmore has served as President and CEO of Community Development Corporation of Boston, a community-based, private, non-profit economic development organization, since 1973; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. Gilmore was a co-founder of the Unity Bank and Trust Company in Roxbury, the first Black-owned and operated commercial bank in the City of Boston; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. Gilmore, a primary force in the economic development of the Southwest Corridor, spearheaded development of industrial projects within the CrossTown Industrial Park in Roxbury and the South End, including Digital Equipment Corporation, Morgan Memorial headquarters, and Boston University's biomedical laboratories; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. Gilmore has owned and managed the Western Front in Cambridge for more than 35 years. The Western Front has featured jazz greats such as Duke Ellington and Louis Armstrong, and has been home to some of the finest in live Reggae, Latin, Jazz, and Salsa music in the greater Boston area; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. Gilmore earned a degree from the New England Conservatory of Music, where he has also served as a trustee and board member; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. Gilmore, whose compassion and philanthropic generosity has helped numerous non-profit organizations, responded to the earthquake in Haiti by hosting a fundraiser for earthquake survivors at the Western Front on February 14th, 2010. Be It Therefore
- RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, congratulates Marvin E. Gilmore, Jr. for his extraordinary leadership, generosity and service during World War II in the 458th, Battery 'A' Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion.
- RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, proclaims May 20, 2010 as Marvin E. Gilmore, Jr. day in the City of Boston.

**In City Council**

**ADOPTED**

June 2,  
~~MAY 19~~ 2010

*Rosaria Salerno*  
CITY CLERK

By: *[Signature]*  
President of the City Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: *[Signature]*

Date: May 19, 2010