

City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILLORS CHARLES C. YANCEY & CHUCK TURNER

Bernard A. Harris, Jr., MD, MBA, FACP

- WHEREAS: Bernard A. Harris, Jr. is currently Chief Executive Officer and Managing Partner of Vesalius Ventures, Inc., a venture capital firm that invests in early to mid stage Healthcare technologies and companies; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. Harris, prior to Vesalius Ventures, conducted research in musculoskeletal physiology and disuse osteoporosis for ten years at NASA, where he also conducted clinical investigations of space adaptation and developed in-flight medical devices to extend Astronaut stays in space; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. Harris, a veteran astronaut and the first African American to walk in space, has logged more than 438 hours and traveled over 7.2 million miles in space; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. Harris served as Vice President and Chief Scientist of SPACEHAB, Inc., an innovative space commercialization company, and he also served as Vice President of Business Development for Space Media, Inc., an Informatics company, establishing an e-commerce initiative; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. Harris, who is the author and co-author of numerous scientific publications, holds several faculty appointments, including Associate Professor in Internal Medicine at the University of Texas Medical Branch and Assistant Professor at Baylor College of Medicine; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. Harris is also the founder and president of the Harris Foundation, which supports math and science education and crime prevention programs for America's youth; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. Harris earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Houston, a Master of Medical Science from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Houston and a Doctorate of Medicine from Texas Tech University School of Medicine; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. Harris is the recipient of numerous awards, including honorary doctorates from Stony Brook University (SUNY), Morehouse School of Medicine, New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) and University of Hartford, NASA Space Flight Medal, NASA Award of Merit, a fellow of the American College of Physicians, and was the recipient of the 2000 Horatio Alger Award; Be It Therefore
- RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, honors Bernard A. Harris, Jr. for his significant contributions to astronautics, space medicine, and space travel; and Be It Further
- RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, declares Tuesday, October 27, 2009 as Bernard A. Harris, Jr. Day in the City of Boston.



By: *Thomas J. Curran*
President of the City Council

Attest: *Rozina Salgado*
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: *Charles C. Yancey*

Date: October 28, 2009