

City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILLORS CHARLES C. YANCEY AND CHUCK TURNER

KENNETH G. SMITH

- WHEREAS: Kenneth G. Smith, the co-founder of YouthBuild Boston Inc., has served as its Executive Director since 1997; and
- WHEREAS: The mission of YouthBuild Boston is to improve opportunities for the young people of Boston by teaching skills that will enable them to support themselves and to develop personal and neighborhood responsibility; and
- WHEREAS: YouthBuild Boston inspires Boston youth to rise above the social, political, economic, educational and spiritual inequities that threaten to destroy communities throughout the City of Boston; and
- WHEREAS: YouthBuild Boston's Construction Training Program offers vocational and academic training for young people, ages 18-24; and
- WHEREAS: Project Advantage is YouthBuild Boston's alternative education and workforce development program for young people, ages 16-18, offering academic and vocational training through hands-on exploration of the Green Industry; and
- WHEREAS: The Designery is YouthBuild Boston's hands-on urban architecture workshop for high school students, ages 14-18, that exposes students to architectural and landscape design, project and construction management principles, and new career opportunities; and
- WHEREAS: The 500 Women & YouthBuild project engages women across all sectors and walks of life to invest in Boston neighborhoods through construction and rehabilitation projects; and
- WHEREAS: YouthBuild Boston executive director, Kenneth Smith, who also co-founded Roxbury YouthWorks and Teens as Community Resources, has been a chair of Citizens for Juvenile Justice; Be It Therefore
- RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, congratulates Kenneth G. Smith for more than 20 years working in leadership positions at various non-profit services organizations throughout the City of Boston.



By: *Annunzio P. Ianni*
President of the City Council

Attest: *Ryanne J. Malone*
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: *Charles C. Yancey*

Date: December 16, 2009