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Senator Jeff Smith Announces Governor to Attend Funeral of Civil Rights Pioneer Mary Bush Wilson

JEFFERSON CITY — Senator Jeff Smith, D-St. Louis, announces the governor will be in attendance at the funeral of civil rights lawyer and activist Mary Bush Wilson, who passed away last week at the age of 95. Ms. Wilson was the second African-American woman to pass the bar in Missouri. In 1975, she became the first woman to serve as chair of the national NAACP.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until 10:45 a.m., Tuesday, August 18, at All Saints Episcopal Church in St. Louis (2831 N. Kingshighway Blvd., St. Louis, MO 53115). Funeral will start at 11 a.m.

“Missouri and St. Louis have lost a leader who stood up for what was right during an era when that was not easy, and many times, not safe,” Gov. Nixon said. “Margaret Bush Wilson will forever be remembered for her tireless work to ensure equality for all Americans, especially in fighting against the racial discrimination that prevented many Missourians from living in the neighborhood of their choice. The family and many friends of Ms. Wilson are in the thoughts and prayers of the First Lady and me.”

“This is a sad day for people everywhere,” Sen. Smith said. “Ms. Wilson is a true pioneer and her work will live on throughout Missouri and the country.”

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