



CITY OF SAVANNAH - CITY COUNCIL

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VAN R. JOHNSON, II
ALDERMAN, DISTRICT 1
VICE CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

Dr. Harry Ross
P. O. Box 162673
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RE: 24th Annual Leadership and Courage Achievement Awards Dinner

Dr. Ross, it is with great honor and humility that I thank you for your gracious consideration and selection of me to receive the prestigious Leadership and Courage Achievement Award. As it is the 24th annual awards dinner, I truly wanted to be present to humbly accept this award. I am currently, however, out of the country participating as a volunteer with the Goodness and Mercy Foundation's mission to the Konogo Village in Ghana, West Africa. This annual medical mission, founded by Dr. Eugene Nwosu, provides medical aid and assistance to people in African villages who can't afford health care.

Please accept my sincerest apologies for not being able to attend the Leadership and Courage Achievement Awards Dinner, but do know that it gives me great pride in being recognized by your organization for doing what I love most: servicing others.

I thank you and any associated committee from the bottom of my heart for this honor. I assure you that, although I am in a land that is far away, I will be with you all in my thoughts during this great occasion.

Sincerely,

Van R. Johnson, II
Alderman - City of Savannah