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The Reverend James C. Wright Human Rights Award honors the late Reverend James C. Wright who served as Executive Director of the Equal Opportunities Commission from its inception in 1968 until his retirement in 1992. The award is given to an individual who best exemplifies Rev. Wright's dedication and compassion for civil and human rights and conducts their daily life consistent with these values. This Nineteenth year the award has been presented to a deserving individual. The Equal Opportunities Commission's Selection Committee selected Anthony Timmons as the 2014 award recipient. The award will be presented by Mayor Paul Soglin at the September 1, 2015, Common Council meeting.

Mr. Timmons holds a BBA in Accounting and MBA in Finance and is employed with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue. Mr. Timmons generously volunteers his time and experience to ensure fiscal discipline for the betterment of organizations dedicated to children, youth and adults who are most in need in society. Mr. Timmons has served as the Treasurer of the Madison Branch of the NAACP, Treasurer of the Wisconsin Association of Black State Employees, founding Treasurer of the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute, Inc., and Treasurer of the Capital City Lodge #2 of the Prince Hall Freemasonry. Mr. Timmons cares about poverty alleviation, civil rights, social action, economic empowerment, human rights, social service and political involvement. Mr. Timmons uses his expertise as a trusted strategist and collaborator to assist organization with advancing their visions, missions and goals to assist the Madison community with actualizing its commitment to justice, equity and inclusion.

Mr. Timmons' nominator made this statement: "I believe that more attention should be paid to the quiet civil rights warriors who work without drawing attention to themselves, and Anthony Timmons is such a warrior".

Past recipients include: Jacqueline Wright, 1996; Dr. Richard H. Harris, 1997; Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson, 1998; Helen Vukelich, 1999; Anthony "Nino" Amato, 2000; John Noreika Sr., 2001; Dr. John Y. Odom, 2002; Peter Muñoz, 2003; Earnestine Moss, 2004; Jonathan "Jon" Gramling, 2005; Agnes Gutierrez Cammer, 2006; Jeffery Erlanger, 2007; Dr. Richard Davis, 2008; Darlene Hancock, 2009; Alfonso Studeville, 2010; Richard V. Brown Sr., 2011; Colleen Butler, 2012; Charlestine "Charlie" Daniel, 2013 and Dr. Floyd Rose, 2014.

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