

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 74  
HONORING PASTOR FREDRICK BANKS LEMONS, SR.**

**WHEREAS**, it has come to the attention of this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis of the passing of Pastor Fredrick Banks Lemons, Sr.; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Fredrick Banks Lemons, Sr. was the fourth child born to Mattie and Banks Lemons on June 1, 1936. He was raised in Saint Louis, Missouri along with his other five siblings by their God fearing parents. He graduated from Summer High School; and

**WHEREAS**, in February, 1954, while serving in the United States Marine Corp., while stationed at Camp Pendleton, California, Fredrick turned his life over to follow Jesus Christ. He was baptized at the age of 18; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 8, 1972, while working at Chrysler Assembly Plant, Pastor Lemons had his true conversion experience and was basking in God's holiness and glory. During this life altering experience Fredrick had a pressing need and desire to live his life to glorify God and in April, 1972 he joined the St. John MB Church, under the pastorship of Pastor Sanford Outlaw; and

**WHEREAS**, there was a burning desire and an unquenched thirst which Pastor Lemons had in wanting to learn God's Word and live in His Will. After encouragement from Pastor Outlaw and Elder Cooper, Lemons enrolled in the Western Bible College Extension. Pastor Lemons enrolled in 1972 and successfully completed the required three year course of study in 1975; and

**WHEREAS**, working diligently in and at the church, Pastor Lemons became president of the Bible Study Class and a faithful Sunday School teacher. He remained at St. John M.B. Church through the leadership of Rev. A.A. Allen. In 1975, he was chosen and set aside to begin serving as a Deacon at the church. On July, 4th, 1982, Pastor Lemons received the call from God to preach His Word. He was ordained at St. John M.B. Church in September of 1982, by Pastor Steven G. Thompson. He led the church and also participated in the St. Louis Progressive and the Missouri State Conventions; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 13, 1982 he was elected pastor of St. John M.B. Church which under his leadership numerous accomplishments were made including building improvements to the old church; new member classrooms; the spiritual growth of the church family, four Deacons were ordained during his first year as the Pastor; after the old church was destroyed by a fire in 2006 he secured a temporary place to worship at Ronald L. Jones Funeral Chapel; merged the first Sunday of each month services with Solomon Temple MB Church in 2006; and led the march into new church edifice located at 913 N. Garrison Avenue in 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, he led the growth of the church membership by 69 new members in 2009; in 2011 he led the grand opening of Academia Learning Center-St. John Daycare; in 2012 began annual community clothes giveaway; in 2013 he instituted the wound care program was instituted; he started career and resume' writing workshops; in 2013 he began passing our food baskets in the community and opened the Midwest Bible Institute; and in 2014 he initiated the first annual community Health Fair and school supply giveaway; and

**WHEREAS**, he married Dorothy Leach Lemons in 1968 and together they had children Duane Lemons; Keith Lemons; Rochelle Shipman; Freda Clemons; Fredrick Lemons and he had a host of grand and great grand children; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 11, 2014, after 32 years of service, Pastor Fredrick Lemons Sr. retired from serving as Senior Pastor and later, in early 2016, Bell Ave. beginning at Garrison Ave. to Franklin Ave. was honorarily named Fredrick Lemons Sr. Blvd, with the leadership of Alderwoman Marlene Davis.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that upon learning of the passing of Pastor Fredrick Banks Lemons, Sr. pause in our deliberations to add our names to the rolls of those grieving his loss, but celebrating his extraordinary life. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented at a time and place and to those deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021 by:**  
**The Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman 19<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**Adopted this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021 as attested by:**

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**Terry Kennedy**  
**Clerk, Board of Aldermen**

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**Lewis Reed**  
**President, Board of Alderme**