

**Resolution Number 151**  
**Deacon James Ross**

*WHEREAS*, this honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis has been apprised that Deacon James Ross will soon celebrate his 100th birthday; and

*WHEREAS*, Deacon James Ross was born November 11, 1914, in Foots, Mississippi. He was baptized in 1931 by Rev. Williams. He was married to his deceased wife, the lovely Mrs. Amelia Ross. He has a daughter, Mrs. Gloria Rome who is very dedicated to her father. He has grandchildren, nieces and nephews that he dearly loves. This family is doubly blessed with fountain of nuggets that perhaps they will never forget. They have been blessed, to have the opportunity to have been surrounded under the winds of their father, grandfather, uncle and perhaps great uncle; who has so faithfully dedicated his life to helping others to help themselves; and

*WHEREAS*, Before Deacon Ross retired, he was a very dedicated man toward his God, his family, church family and work. He tried his very best to help the younger people by teaching them those things that were most important, especially introducing the young and old to Jesus the Christ; and

*WHEREAS*, Deacon Ross has been a Deacon at Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church for many years. Even in the later years, serving as Deacon he tried to instill within the young people that you must work while the opportunity is available. You must put God first. He said those other things will come when God says so. He constantly reminded them that if you don't work, you should not expect to get paid; and

*WHEREAS*, Deacon Ross was a working man, and he tried his very best to introduce to the young people that working was a must. He introduced them to plumbing, and any other trade that he knew to benefit them. Many are grateful to have such a person in the world who has dedicated so much of his time and energy trying to reach those whom he wanted so desperately to succeed. This man full of wisdom; has devoted his life trying to share what God has given unto him with others.

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we happily pause in our deliberations to recognize Deacon James Ross and his her many contributions to the City of St. Louis including the numerous lives he has touched, and 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 to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 31st day of October, 2014 by:

**Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward**

Adopted this the 31st day of October, 2014 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen