

Resolution Number 237
Steve Whitney Sr.

WHEREAS, Steve Whitney Sr. was born on February 11, 1915 in Lamont, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, his parents, Issac and Beadie Bailey Whitney were the parents of 11 children Robert, Issac, Willie, Jessie, Albe, J.D., Steve, Mary, Joanna, Lillie, and Larry; and

WHEREAS, he served in the United States Army and received an honorable discharge in 1945. And on March 5th of that same year he married his wife of 70 years, Estella Juralt Whitney; and

WHEREAS, he was a skilled workman, and worked as carpenter, plumber, roofer, and painter in Missouri, settle in St Louis in 1947, to take a job with his brother at the Missouri Portland Cement Company. He worked in various positions in the plant and he loved going to work; and

WHEREAS, upon moving to St. Louis he began attending the Central Baptist Church and was active in the Usher Board, Sunday School, Baptist Training Union, and the Laymen, becoming President of the Laymen Board and is currently a member of the Deacon Board and Prayer Services. For nearly 40 years he gladly served a repairman for the church, fixing and constructing whatever was needed; and

WHEREAS, he is the proud father of 7 children; Robert, Steve, Charles, Jessie, Yolanda, Vinton, & Vernon. He is the grandfather to 19 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, he worked at the Missouri Portland Cement Company for 32 years retiring in 1979; and

WHEREAS, his hobbies include playing checkers, hunting, traveling and fishing with emphasis on FISHING. Fishing across the country as often as he could. He and his wife traveled to almost every state in the United States and also abroad to Switzerland, Spain, Belgium, France, Germany, Mexico and Canada; and

WHEREAS, his favorite scripture is John 1:5-6, "If we walk in the light, he is the light and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate Steve Whitney Sr. on the occasion of his 100th Birthday and we wish him continued peace, good health and happiness 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 13th day of February, 2015 by:

Honorable Chris Carter, Alderman 27th Ward

Adopted this the 13th day of February, 2015 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen