

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 249**

**Nalvie Freeman**

**WHEREAS**, we pause in our deliberations to note the untimely passing of longtime St. Louis resident, Nalvie Freeman; and

**WHEREAS**, Nalvie Freeman came into this world September 10, 1928 the ninth of 13 children born to parents Henderson and Ophelia Freeman. His parents and 7 of his siblings preceded him in death. He was raised in Tate County, MS where he attended school

**WHEREAS**, acknowledging that God was the head of his life, he gave his life to the Lord at an early age and was a dedicated and devoted member of the Harris Chapel CMC Church during his youth and young adulthood and

**WHEREAS**, on December 25, 1948 Nalvie married the love of his life, Bunicestine (Hunt). With an adventurous spirit and determination, they left Mississippi and moved to Saint Louis, Mo. This union was blessed with four beautiful daughters, Brenda, Deborah, Lanita and Shanna.

**WHEREAS**, in 1957 Nalvie and Bunicestine joined the Mt. Esther MB Church under the leadership of Pastor L.C. Richmond. In total he served as a faithful and dedicated Deacon and Trustee for 48 years under the leadership of Pastor Gary Anderson and until his death Pastor Ed Morgan. Under his wing, many young men were trained, groomed, disciplined, and monitored by his watchful eye and stern hand. Deacon Freeman loved his church family

**WHEREAS**, in 1979, with God's blessing, the support of his wife, children, family, and friends, Nalvie accomplished a lifelong dream of opening the largest minority owned railroad construction company in the Midwest. As president and with the collaboration of his partner Joe McPherson, N&J Railroad Contractors was established. A boost was given to the economy by putting families to work at N&J Contractors for 22 years.

**WHEREAS**, Nalvie had a wonderful creative spirit and enjoyed life. Additionally, he loved spending quality time with family and friends. He participated in many social activities and community functions; and

**WHEREAS**, Nalvie devoted his life to family, extended family, and friends. He was "the rock" for his family and everyone could always depend on him in the time of need. He always made his self available in times of illness, marriage, death, and all other significant events; and

**WHEREAS**, Nalvie, leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and neighbors to cherish his memory.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to remember the many contributions of Nalvie Freeman, to the citizens of the City of St. Louis and we join with his many friends in expressing our sorrow at his passing, 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 memorial copy for presentation to the Freeman family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015 by:

**Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward**

Adopted this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015 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