

**Resolution Number 255**  
**ELDER TIMOTHY D. PERSON**

**WHEREAS**, Timothy David Person was born to Bishop David Timothy Person and Thelma Beach Person on March 18, 1930. He was the first born of seven; his siblings were: Josiah (deceased), William, Mary Ann, Thelma, Thomas, and Philip; and

**WHEREAS**, he was baptized at age 15 into the Faith Church of God and Saints of Christ by his father. Tim always enjoyed singing and participating in church; and

**WHEREAS**, Tim was drafted into the U.S. Army and served as a medic in the Korean War. Upon his discharge, he married “the love of his life,” Mildred McClelland. They became the proud parents of three wonderful children: Timothy, Jr., Michael and Juanita; and

**WHEREAS**, he was employed as a draftsman at Aeronautical Chart Corporation and also McDonald Aircraft Corporation. With his interest in science and his love of adventure, Tim convinced his brother William that there was “big money” to be made prospecting for uranium. After a considerable amount of time in Albuquerque, New Mexico, listening for and not hearing the “right” clicks from their Geiger Counter, they returned to St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1953 upon returning home to St. Louis, Tim had a renewed interest in the family business, “Persons Moving Service,” which was located on St. Louis Avenue and Newstead in the Fourth Ward until it relocated in 1963 to Easton Avenue (now Martin Luther King Drive) in the Twenty Second Ward where it remained until 2014. The Person family was also long-time residents of the Twenty-Seventh Ward; and

**WHEREAS**, Tim’s entrepreneurial spirit, coupled with his strong work ethic, inspired him and his father to effect change in the company. In 1963, in an effort to address the trucking industry’s refusal to serve the African American community and the refusal to offer meaningful employment to Blacks, Timothy purchased Allstates Transworld Van Lines, Inc., and imparted on a 17 year fight. In February 1980, with the help of Congressman William “Bill” Clay and others, the Federal Government awarded Allstates nationwide authority to provide moving service throughout the United States. This was the first time this has been done for any company in the 76 year history of the federal agency that awarded permits; and

**WHEREAS**, Timothy had four great loves: his family, the church, the family company and bowling; and

**WHEREAS**, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mildred who passed away on January 18, 2015. He is survived by his children: Timothy Person, Jr., Michael Person, Juanita Person Williams (Dennis) and his loving grandchildren: Timothy Person III, Lewis Davis, Candice Roberts, Michael Person, Jr., Anthony Roberts (Ashley), Felicia Person, Dennis Williams, Lauren Person, and Davita Polk and his only great grandchild, Gabriel. He will be missed by his extended family Dana Scott Person, Arleen Person, and Stephanie Boykin. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends will miss his smile.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to remember Timothy David Person 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 Person family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 13th day of March, 2015 by:

**Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr., Alderman 3rd Ward**

Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22<sup>nd</sup> Ward

Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26<sup>th</sup> Ward

Adopted this the 13th day of March,, 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