

Resolution Number 269
Mr. William Anderson Jackson

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that on April 7, 2015, Mr. William Anderson Jackson celebrated his glorious 100th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Mr. William Anderson Jackson was born Wednesday, April 7th, 1915 in Greenville, Illinois to Oscar Jackson and Sadie Mayfield. He was the eighth child of nine (6 boys and 3 girls). Mr. Jackson attended grade school at Lincoln School in Collinsville, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, he was very dependable child. He never went to high school, but instead he sent his sister to high school, so he could work. One of his chores was to make sure that his family had enough coal to burn to make fire to cook with and keep them warm when it was cold. He and his siblings slept on the floor around the stove because they didn't have a bed to sleep in. At an early age, he made up his mind that when he grew older he would always work and supply the needs of his family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson and his brother walked to St. Louis, Missouri from Collinsville. He got a job paying \$1.00 a day working at a junkyard. Mr. Jackson was drafted into the United States Army 1942 and was Honorably Discharged in 1946; and

WHEREAS, he is a World War II Veteran. One day while on furlough in St. Louis, he won \$300.00 and didn't have anyone to leave it with. Then he met Mary Frances Fulks; and in talking, asked her if she would keep the money until he came back home from his tour of duty. When they met again, upon his return, she apologized for spending \$5.00 of his money. He was surprised that was all she spent and because he felt that he could trust her, that's when he told her "I'm going to marry you". They were wed on April 6, 1949; and

WHEREAS, after the Army, Mr. Jackson became a Third Degree Mason. Mr. Jackson worked various jobs as a laborer, and always worked two jobs to make ends meet. He was a dishwasher at St. Marks Elementary School and left there to his second job at the post office. He retired from the United States Postal Service and even after that retirement, worked in maintenance at Cathedral Elementary School until he fully retired in the mid-1980s. He has always been a great provider for his family. Even now, if he has it, he'll give it. Mr. Jackson enjoyed matrimony with Mary Frances Jackson for a total of 46 years until her passing on June 1, 1995; and

WHEREAS, he really misses his wife and adores her picture daily. He is a proud father of 5 children, 11 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren. He is the epitome of life, love, wisdom, and encouragement. When Mr. Jackson is asked how are you doing, he says, "I ain't going to complain, it could get worse." He loves to read his Bible, read newspapers and magazines, eat his favorite foods, talk about the old days, share a lot of history, listen to Christian music, and watch television especially Christian programming, the news and wrestling. Mr. Jackson is cool, calm and collected. He doesn't allow anything to worry him. Mr. Jackson Loves the Lord and always talks about praying for his family. Mr. Jackson is very thankful that God has brought him through to where he is now.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Mr. William Anderson Jackson on the occasion of his 100th birthday. 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 9th day of April, 2015 by:

Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward

Adopted this 9th day of April, 2015 as attested by

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen