

**Resolution Number 39**  
**Joe Thomas Davidson**

***WHEREAS***, Joe Thomas Davidson was born in Robertson, Mo on September 26, 1946 to proud parents Tommie Lee and Ejewel Davidson. He was the third of seven children. His mother, father, biological father (Adam “AD” Smith), and sister (Ruthie Lee Davidson) preceded him in death; and

***WHEREAS***, Joe graduated from Berkeley Sr. High in 1965. After graduation he worked at Wagner Electric and Biederman’s Furniture Store until he joined the Army in 1967. Joe served in Vietman until 1969 where he was awarded several decorated medals and badges. During his tour in Vietnam he began carrying a copy of the scripture Psalm 23 in his wallet and carried it throughout his life even until the moment of his departure; and

***WHEREAS***, on September 25, 1971, Joe was united in Holy Matrimony with Sharon Landers. To this union, two children were born; and

***WHEREAS***, Joe volunteered at the Robertson Fire Department before he became a full time firefighter where he served proudly for 27 years. Joe was extremely passionate about fighting fires until he retired in 1998; and

***WHEREAS***, “Buddy, “Big Joe”, and “Bud” were a few of the nick-names that he was so affectionately called by his family and friends. Joe was known for having a big heart and being the person who would give you his last. He loved to listen to music all day, cook, and entertain. Joe was always smiling, and you would never find him without a toothpick in the corner of his mouth; and

***WHEREAS***, Joe leaves to cherish his memory a total of five children; Travis (Markelia) Ball, Tawnya Davidson, Jason Dockett, DeMarco Davidson, and Kenya Handcock. He also leaves to cherish eight siblings; Betty Jean (Neuman) Stroter, Alice Pearl Williams, Geneva (Richard) Vogel, Eric Terry (Peggy) Smith, Kenneth Rennell Davidson, Norma Jean Davidson, LaWanda Smith and Vivian (Johnny) Randle, 11 grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

**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 Joe Thomas Davidson 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 Davidson family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015 by:

**Honorable Chris Carter, Alderman 27<sup>th</sup> Ward**

Adopted this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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