

Resolution Number 42
Ambassador Bobby Jones

WHEREAS, we are delighted to pause in our deliberations to express our sense of appreciation and congratulations to Grammy Award winner, Ambassador Bobby Jones; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Jones was born in Henry, Tennessee on September 18, 1938 to Jim and Augusta Jones he has since traveled the world and is the Ambassador to Nassau, Bahamas and Dominica, West Indies; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jones' educational achievements include a Bachelor of Science Degree, Master of Education, Doctorate of Education, and Doctor of Theology, and from 1959-1965, Ambassador Jones taught at Beaumont High School in St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jones is very active in many social organizations including the NAACP, Tennessee State University Alumnae Association, 100 Black Men of America, the American Heart & Diabetes Associations, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame, and the Music Consortium of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Jones has the #1 and longest running TV show on Black Entertainment Television (BET), "Bobby Jones Gospel", now going on 35 years; and further, BET's "Video Gospel" is the second highest rated show on the network for eighteen years, hosted and produced by Dr. Jones; and

WHEREAS, Ambassador, Dr. Bobby Jones has received countless awards and honors, he has met with Presidents, has fans and viewers from all around the world, he has written several books and has been in movies and plays. So many people filled crucial roles in the life and career of Bobby Jones, such as Dr. Maya Angelou, Jessie Jackson, Barbara Mandrell, and Louis Farrakhan to name just a few; and

WHEREAS, we would have to write a book to further list all of Dr. Jones' contributions to the Gospel and to Gospel music; he has touched the lives of so many throughout his life, young and old, rich and poor; he is truly an Ambassador for Christ.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor all the accomplishments of Ambassador, Dr. Bobby Jones, and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to include a copy of this Resolution in the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a memorial copy for presentation at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on June 5th, 2015 by:

Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward
Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

Adopted June 5th, 2015 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen