

RESOLUTION NO. 56

Rev. Alfred Robinson

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that after Forty-Two years of dedicated service as Organizer and Senior Pastor of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church; Pastor Alfred Robinson will officially retire June 11, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Alfred Robinson born in 1943 in Mound Bayou, Mississippi; the 11th of 15 children, born to Deacon Commodore and Ada Robinson; Rev. Alfred Robinson played in the band and graduated from the Mound Bayou High School in 1964; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, Alfred Robinson enlisted into the U.S. Navy, where he served aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise Aircraft Carrier; during his service to country he was called while on the Pacific Ocean by God to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ; after 4 years he was honorably discharged and became a proud Vietnam Veteran; and

WHEREAS, in March of 1969 Rev. Alfred Robinson became Assistant Pastor of the Union Sinai MB Church and served in that position until 1974; during that time he met and married the love of his life Barbara Robinson and to this union their son Anthony and daughter Crystal were born; and

WHEREAS, in October of 1974 Pastor Alfred Robinson organized the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church at 3752 St. Louis Ave where he saved souls and healed the sick; in 1978 Pastor Robinson moved the congregation to 4401 Fair Ave, where he also Co-Founded the GSL developmental center with his brother Deacon Paul Robinson; Pastor Robinson continued to preach and teach on the 2nd Floor for 21 years; in 1999 God blessed Pastor Alfred Robinson, Co-Pastor Anthony and the Greater St. Luke Church family with a building on Broadway; through Pastor Robinson's vision the building was renovated at 8011 North Broadway and the congregation had their first service in the spring of 2000, and continued until present day; and

WHEREAS, in October of 2016, After 42 years of dedicated leadership Pastor Alfred Robinson moved to the position of Pastor Emeritus and placed the congregation in the hands of his son Pastor Anthony Robinson; his change of position did not stop him from preaching and teaching and helping to build God's kingdom; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Emeritus Robinson retires now to enjoy time with family: Wife Barbara Robinson, Son Anthony Robinson, Daughter-In-Law Tracy Robinson, Granddaughter Khaila Robinson, Grandson Justin Robinson, and Alfred and Barbara's Daughter Crystal Robinson; he will also enjoy the company of his brothers, sister, nephews, nieces, friends and the church family.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Alderman of the City of St. Louis that we pause in the deliberations to congratulate Rev. Alfred Robinson for Forty – Two years of commitment, and loyalty to the citizens of the City of St. Louis, and we wish him peace, and happiness in his retirement. 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 this 9th day of June, 2017, by:

The Honorable Dionne Flowers, Alderwoman 2nd Ward

Adopted this 9th day of June, 2017, as attested by:

Donna Evans-Booker
Assistant Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen