

**RESOLUTION NO. 72**  
**National Baptist Congress of Christian Education**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. James H. Cokley, President of The National Baptist Congress of Christian Education is celebrating the 112th Annual Christian Education Session “Envisioning the Future Exceptionally as We Equip Disciples for Christ” held in St. Louis, MO at the America's Convention Center, June 19th – 23rd, 2017. It is through education that brings Christian disciples to the point of commitment to strong and faithful Christian service; and

**WHEREAS**, education helps to usher in both the mysterious workings and callings of the Holy Spirit, who uses the intentional and obedient actions of the Church through Christian education and should be understood as a sacred trust given to the Church by God through Jesus Christ; and

**WHEREAS**, founded in 1886, the National Baptist Convention is the nation's oldest and largest African-American religious convention with an estimated membership of 7.5 million. The Congress of Christian Education session is the education arm of the National Baptist Congress, USA, Inc., and is responsible for teaching and training classes in every aspect of Christian Education; and

**WHEREAS**, the Congress of Christian Education is attended by over 30,000 delegates, the Annual selection of more than 300 classes equipped with Christian education leaders with the necessary information and teaching techniques to fulfill their respective roles in their local ministries with excellence is held each year in June at various locations throughout the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Congress of Christian Education offers a wealth of learning opportunities to help individuals; delegates may graduate or receive a Certificate of Progress after a prescribed program of study or simply take classes for general continuing education; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the National Annual Session, each state convention or local district may also be certified to sponsor and offer classes at other times throughout the year.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor the 112th Annual Session of the Congress of Christian Education and we, the Board Of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis thank you for all your contributions and Christian values on behalf of all the residents of the City of St. Louis; and we direct the Clerk of this Board to prepare a commemorative copy of this Resolution to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 23rd day of June, 2017, by:

**The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen**  
**The Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward**

Adopted the 23rd day of June, 2017, as attested by:

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Donna Evans-Booker  
Assistant Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen