

**Resolution 115**  
**James “Jay” Ozier**

**WHEREAS**, we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor James Lawrence Ozier on the occasion of his retirement from the City of St. Louis after 14 years and 2 months of service; and

**WHEREAS**, after serving in the Sheriff’s Office from November 13, 2000, to May 20, 2002, Jay turned in his badge to serve the constituents of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Ward as their Alderman until April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2003; as Alderman, Jay assisted in the election of our first African-American Mayor and the election of the first Independent Alderman; and

**WHEREAS**, after serving his community Jay rejoined the employees at city hall working in the Treasurer’s Office until 2008, before beginning his current position as a Journeyman Carpenter; and

**WHEREAS**, Jay Ozier was born on October 29, 1949 in Charleston, Mississippi to Rachel and Thomas, he was the third of eight children; Jay’s family moved to St. Louis in 1951 where Jay has made his home ever since; and

**WHEREAS**, Jay Ozier has been an active participant in a number of programs, including the Human Development Corporation Wells-Goodfellow Program and the Carpenter’s Apprentice Program; in 1973 Jay joined the Coalition for Black Trade Unionists (CBTU), an organization to improve the social and economic conditions in the African American community, and is currently Vice-President of the St. Louis Chapter; and

**WHEREAS**, for decades Jay has been a champion for human rights, civil rights, and working rights and played major roles on St. Louis committees. Jay worked to make Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. a National holiday, he served on committees to Free Nelson Mandela, Free South Africa, and Save Homer G. Phillips Hospital; and

**WHEREAS**, Jay Ozier has been married to Anita for 32 years, he has 2 daughters, 6 grandchildren, and is guardian of 2 nephews; Jay is looking forward to spending more time with his family, listening to his music (especially jazz and old-school), watching football and gardening, while continuing his efforts in the struggle for the working class.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to join with the family, friends, and co-workers of Jay Ozier to 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015 by:

**Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen**

Adopted this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015 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