

Resolution Number 120

LOUIS ALOYSIUS FRANCIS EVANS

WHEREAS, Louis Aloysius Francis Evans was born on January 9, 1925 in St. Mary Missouri the tenth of twelve children born to the union of Angeline Smith and Eugene Evans. Louis received his elementary education at St. Mary Catholic School in St. Mary, Missouri and later moved to St. Louis, Missouri attending Charles Sumner High School and later St. Joseph High School; and

WHEREAS, Louis served in the United States Army during WWII, achieving the rank of Sergeant. After the war he attended Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana where he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Physical Education. During his college years he met and married on January 16, 1950, the love of his life, Cliesta Lorraine Celestine and to this union three children Yolanda, Chad and Angeline were born; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from college Louis became a Physical Education Teacher and coach at St. Lucy Elementary and High Schools in Houma, Louisiana. He later moved his family to St. Louis, Missouri and began working for the U.S. Postal service until he acquired a job with the St. Louis Public Schools. While working as a Physical Education Teacher Louis received a Masters Degree in Education Administration and became an Assistant Principal. During the summer months he worked as a counselor at the Missouri Hills Summer Camp for boys all the while managing his own maintenance business until his retirement in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Louis, a “Cradle Catholic” remained committed to his faith and was a positive role model to his family, church and many young people in the Kingsway Neighborhoods. For many years Louis served on the parent-teachers committee for his parish, Most Blessed Sacrament, and as a dedicated basketball coach for the Catholic Youth Council. He followed his pastor Fr. Robert “Bob” Getting to St. Augustine where he remained an active member until his decreased mobility led him to continue his worship with his new church family at Our Lady of the Presentation; and

WHEREAS, Louis was an active and lifetime member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the Knights of Columbus, and the NAACP. He and his family lived in the Kingsway West Neighborhood where he served on the Board of the Kingsway Neighborhood Housing Cooperation and a block captain for Operation Brightside; and

WHEREAS, During his leisure time Louis was an avid sports fan and loyal supporter of the St. Louis, Baseball Cardinals and Rams Football teams. Louis' passion for music, especially jazz helped to create a warm and loving home environment. He instilled this love for music in his son, St. Louis musician Chad Evans. His guidance, encouragement, support and flexibility helped shape and solidify all his children in their chosen careers; and

WHEREAS, Louis Evans was an avid reader who encouraged reading to his children. He kept updated encyclopedia and could quote facts, figures and share information about almost any topic. Louis was an exceptional father who was supportive in the activities of his children attending every dance and music recital, and little league softball, football and basketball games. He was always there when they needed him, ready to give his love.

WHEREAS, On September 29, 2015, Louis, surrounded by his children in prayer transitioned to his new life. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Cliesta, five sisters, Iola Mansco, Ruth Wimberly, Sara Coffman, Rose Evans and Ardel Wright, and four brothers, Earnest Evans, Sylvester Evans Glennon Evans and Joseph Evans. He leaves to cherish his memory, two daughters, Yolanda Evans, and Angeline Williams (Carl), one son, Chad Evans, one grand-daughter, Celestine Evans; two sisters; Marcedus Brown and Georgia Evans; one brother-in-law, Leonard Celestine (Joyce), a sister-law, Jacqueline Rohman, and a host of nieces and nephews.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Members of this Honorable Board of Aldermen join the sponsor of this resolution the Honorable Sharon Tyus in expressing their deepest sympathy to the family of Louis Evans upon his passing and take time from conducting the business of The Board of Aldermen for a moment of silence in respect for Mr. Evans passing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of this Honorable Board of Aldermen be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution to be present to The family of Mr. Louis Aloysius Francis Evans at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced on this 9th day October, 2015 by:

The Honorable Sharon Tyus, Alderwoman 1st Ward

Adopted this the 9th day of October

Donna Evans-Booker
Assistant Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen