

RESOLUTION NO. 131
The Life and Legacy of Zack Campbell, Jr.

WHEREAS, Brother Zack Campbell, Jr. was born in Grady, Arkansas, on April 22, 1923—the youngest of seven children born to the union of Zack and Lizzie Mathis Campbell; and

WHEREAS, Brother Campbell was united in holy matrimony to Beatrice Townsend in 1940; the two had one son, Robert Lee Campbell, born in 1942, and the family then moved to St. Louis where Brother Campbell would begin his lifelong career as a construction worker and a proud member of Local 53 (which later became Local 42); and

WHEREAS, after the loss of Beatrice, Brother Campbell met and married Charlene Smith on September 15, 1955, in Springfield, Illinois; to this union David Michael and Cheryl Angela Campbell were born; Charlene also preceded him in death; and

WHEREAS, Brother Campbell worked as construction worker for over 50 years before retiring in 1986; he professed his faith in Christ at a mature age at Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church under the pastoral leadership of Dr. Joseph Morgan; Brother Campbell read his bible daily, he loved the Lord, his church and his family; and

WHEREAS, Brother Campbell was an active member in the male chorus, serving as an auxiliary “Special Usher” and working tirelessly in vacation bible school with woodcrafts. Everyone referred to him as “Mr. Fix It,” recognizing his willingness to lend a helping hand to anyone that needed it; and

WHEREAS, a master checkers player, Brother Campbell could be found on Thursday mornings at his local McDonalds, playing with his good friend Marshall Vinson (deceased) and enjoying a free cup of coffee; he was a lover of people; he loved to share stories about his many life adventures; one of Brother Campbell’s favorite pastimes was eating good food, and he was a regular at one of his favorite restaurants, the Golden Coral Buffet; he enjoyed westerns, Matlock, In the Heat of the Night, and St. Louis Cardinals baseball; he was a stranger to no one, always greeting everyone with a smile and his famous slogan “everything is lovely”; and

WHEREAS, Brother Campbell departed this life on Sunday, August 28, 2016; he leaves to celebrate his homegoing a son, David Michael Campbell of Chesterfield Missouri; a daughter, Cheryl A. (Allyn) of Paducah, Kentucky; a daughter-in-law, Patricia Campbell of St. Louis; eight grandchildren: Maurice Daron (Joyce) Campbell, Corey Lamar Campbell, Reginald Mathis Campbell, Rayshawn Robert (Rebecca) Campbell Sr., and Janeen Alicia Campbell, all of St. Louis, Cydney Anjali Moore, Zackery Allyn Moore and Camryn Alyssa Moore, all of Puducah, Kentucky; seven great grandchildren; one goddaughter, Frieda Morris; two special adopted daughters, Sheila Oldham of Elizabethtown, Kentucky and Alcinia (Warren) Jackson of St. Charles, Missouri; and a host of nieces, nephews, Cousins, friends, his extended Washington Street MB church family and the entire Jerusalem MB church family; his parents, his son Robert, his daughter-in-law Stephanie, his granddaughter Angela, and his siblings preceded him in death.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the life and legacy of Brother Zack Campbell and 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 memorial copy to the end that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 7th of October, 2016, by:

The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President, Board of Aldermen

Adopted the 7th day of October, 2016, as attested by:

Timothy G. O’Connell
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

