

RESOLUTION NUMBER 132
REVEREND DR. JAMES BROWN, SR.

WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of this honorable Board of Alderman of the City of St. Louis of the upcoming celebration honoring 47 years of faithful service of the Reverend Dr. James Brown, Sr. and 30 years of diligent service as pastor of Mercy Seat Missionary Baptist Church to be held Sunday, November 15, 2015 at 10am, and

WHEREAS, Rev. Brown was born in Tunica, Mississippi as the only son of Willie and Callie Brown and when he was three years of age his parents and he moved to St. Louis, Mo where he attended and graduated from Vashon High School and the Morris School of Technology and later was honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corp., and

WHEREAS, Rev. Brown was baptized at a young age and grew up at Mercy Seat Baptist Church then under the leadership of the late Rev. Roosevelt Brown, and

WHEREAS, the spirit moved in him and he was called to the ministry and to that end attended the Midwestern Bible College, the Metropolitan College, the International Bible Institute and the Missouri Baptist College. He also received an Associate Degree in Communications and Bachelor in Liberal Arts from St. Louis University, a Bachelors in Bible Theology from the International Bible Institute and received his Doctor Degree of Divinity from the United Theological Seminary, and

WHEREAS, over the years Rev. Brown has pastored St. Luke Baptist Church of St. Louis; North End Baptist Church of East St. Louis, Ill and later Mercy Seat Baptist Church where he was an innovative leader organizing numerous church and community improvement ventures, and

WHEREAS, Rev. Brown was also involved in community and civic improvement activities that included being President of the Ministries United Against Human Suffering, Vice-President of the East St. Louis Ministerial Alliance, Faculty Member of the New Salem District Congress, Faculty Member of the Illinois Baptist Institute, Advisory Board member of the Illinois Baptist Institute and Counselor for the New Salem District Usher and Health Units, and

WHEREAS, in September of 1985 Rev. Brown accepted the leadership of Mercy Seat Missionary Baptist Church where he spearheaded many new programs and improvement ventures including a children's church ministry, a Golden Age Club, a newsletter, the Roosevelt Brown Scholarship Fund, expansion of the church for the growing new membership, the installation of a new church elevator and the construction of a 43 unit senior apartment building, and

WHEREAS, Rev. Brown is married to Carole Drake Brown and was married to the late Charlesetta Malone Brown and together they had one daughter and one son, and

WHEREAS, the contributions, awards, letters, plaques and proclamations for his outstanding and dedicated service are too numerous to cover in this one writing but we would be remiss not to document his achievements in some way.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we happily pause in our deliberations to recognize the many contributions of the Reverend Dr. James Brown, Sr. and by adoption of this resolution wish to join in with all others honoring him and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the permanent rolls of this Board and 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 6th of November, 2015 by:
Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward

Adopted this the 6th day of November 2015 as attested by:

Donna Evans-Booker
Assistant Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen