

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 140**  
**The Reverend Donald Hunter**

**WHEREAS**, we are delighted to pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor the Reverend Donald Hunter, Pastor of New Sunny Mount Missionary Baptist Church, on the occasion of his retirement after 50 years of outstanding service to members of his Church, the City of St. Louis, and the great State of Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, the Reverend Hunter graduated from Western Bible College and Concordia Lutheran Seminary and in 1965 began serving as pastor for the First Baptist Church of Maplewood, in Richmond Heights, Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1968 the Reverend Hunter was inspired by God and encouraged by faculty at Concordia Lutheran Seminary to design and develop the Continuing Education Program for Black Churchmen; the program has been a true blessing throughout the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1977 God directed Reverend Hunter to the New Sunny Mount Baptist Church then located at 6080 West Florissant Avenue in St. Louis; on his first Sunday in October, 45 new members joined and by December the membership had increased by 296, doubling the church's enrollment; and

**WHEREAS**, as Pastor of New Sunny Mount Missionary Baptist Church, the Reverend Donald Hunter has received numerous recognitions and awards, including special recognition from the City of St. Louis for building a new church at 4700 West Florissant, located in the Mark Twain neighborhood in North St. Louis where Reverend Hunter realized the tremendous need for urban ministry; and

**WHEREAS**, many pages of the Reverend Hunter's ideas and visions that have come to pass and include, the NSM Deacon Family Ministry (serving the needs and concerns of church and community families), the nationally recognized and award-winning NSM Chancel Choir, the NSM Transportation & Bus Ministry, and the NSM Summer Youth Academy serving over 100 students each summer; the Reverend Hunter is also recognized as an accomplished music composer, playwright, pianist, and organist; and

**WHEREAS**, the Reverend Hunter is a man truly blessed by God; he is a visionary led by the Holy Spirit, a dynamic preacher of the Word of God, one who is loved, admired, and appreciated; the Reverend Donald Hunter is regarded by the members of his congregation as a Man of God and a dedicated preacher who has earned their love and respect.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate the Reverend Donald Hunter on the occasion of his retirement and we thank him for 50 years of service to the New Sunny Mount Missionary Baptist Church Community. 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 4th day of December, 2015 by:

**Honorable Sharon Tyus, 1st Ward**

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

Adopted this 4th day of December, 2015 as attested by

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Timothy O'Connell  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen