

RESOLUTION NUMBER 151

Stanley Boyd

WHEREAS, Stanley Boyd was born January 23, 1926, in St. Louis, Missouri to the union of Robert and Aline Boyd; and

WHEREAS, he was baptized and received Jesus Christ at an early age and remained in his purpose and faith to God until his spirit was received in the presence of The Spirit of God, on Monday, November 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, he was educated in the St. Louis Public School system, and he was inducted into the armed services on April 15, 1944, and was discharged May 20, 1946, with an Honorable Discharge after serving as Combat Engineer during World War II, serving in Europe and the South Pacific; and

WHEREAS, after returning home from Okinawa, he enrolled in St. Louis University, majoring in Commercial Art; Mr. Boyd worked for Kramer Engineering Company as a cabinetmaker and also a deskmaker; later he was employed by H. B. Deal Construction Company as a Laborer and worked out of Labor Local 53; he was hired in 1948 by the Robert Paulus Construction Company as a Laborer, called a Carpenter's Helper, until in 1965, when he was promoted to Carpenter and became the first African American carpenter hired with the Robert Paulus Construction Company; he was the twenty-third African American admitted into the Carpenter's union; he was later employed by the Kloster Construction Company and the J.S. Alberici Construction Company; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boyd was employed in 1968 by the St. Louis Housing Authority until retiring in 1986; he became the Director of Maintenance for the Authority and oversaw 17 foremen and 250 employees and was responsible for 9,000 housing units; he was instrumental, along with Bishop Frank C. Cummings, in ending racist hiring practices and brought many blacks into the trade unions; and

WHEREAS, he served as an officer with the St. Louis Police Department; he was the owner and president of the StanRod Construction Company; he was a licensed funeral director and a 32-degree Mason and a past patron of the order of the Eastern Stars.; he graduated from The Church Ushers Alliance, Inc. School of Ushering in 1996 and instructed ushers throughout the African Methodist Episcopal church and Lighthouse Living Word Christian Fellowship, instilling proper artistry and methodology and encouraging their theme: "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches and loving favour than silver and gold." Proverbs 22:1; and

WHEREAS, his church memberships spanned the St. Louis- Cape Girardeau district and the St. Louis-Columbia district, as an itinerant disciple of Jesus Christ; he was a member of the following churches: Wayman, St. Matthews, St. John-St. Louis, Bethel-Caruthersville, St. John-Kennett, Bethel-Wellston, and an honorary member of the Lighthouse Living Word Christian Fellowship, and St. Paul A.M.E.-St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, his slogan is "Working together is Rewarding," and his favorite verse of Scripture is "A wise man will hear and increase learning, and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels." Proverbs 1:5; and

WHEREAS, he leaves to cherish his memory a devoted and magnificent wife, Virginia E. Boyd; four children, Joyce V. Boyd, Rose M. Foster, Stanley R. Boyd, and Rodney E. Boyd; one Sister-in-law, Clara L. Daniels; one son-in-law, the Rev. Wallace V. Foster (*Rose*); two daughters-in-law, Cassandra Boyd (*Stanley R.*) and Alissa Boyd (*Rodney E.*); ten grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to recognize and acknowledge the many accomplishments and contributions of Mr. Stanley Boyd, and we keep him and his kin in our thoughts. 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 to representatives of Voices for Veterans at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 11th day of December, 2015, by:

The Honorable Jefferey Boyd, 22nd Ward Alderwoman

Adopted this the 11th day of December, 2015 as attested by:

Timothy G. O'Connell
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen