

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 200**  
**Retired Sergeant James H. Buchanan Jr.**

**WHEREAS**, Retired Sgt. James H. Buchanan Jr. began his professional career as an officer in April of 1965 when he joined the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department as a Probationary Patrolman; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Buchanan served a short period as an undercover officer assigned to the Liquor Morality Section of the Bureau of Investigation before being assigned to the historic 8th Police District Police Station, located at Deer Street and Dr. Martin Luther King Drive, before being later transferred to the 7th Police District; and

**WHEREAS**, he was transferred in 1976 to the Personnel Section where he served as a St. Louis Police Recruiter; he was promoted to sergeant in 1979; he went on to work in the Safe Streets Program and also served in the 5th, 7th and 9th Districts and was briefly assigned to the Mayor's Office; and

**WHEREAS**, he was one of the founders of the St. Louis Ethical Police Society, now known as the Ethical Society of Police, along with 15 brave and progressive African-American officers who sought to challenge racial discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, he earned an Associate of Law Degree from Forest Park Community College, a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Missouri, St. Louis, and advanced training from Northwestern University; and

**WHEREAS**, after he retired from the Police Department in 1988, he served as the Assistant Executive Director of the 8th Police District Black History and Cultural Enrichment Program; he went on to serve for 18 months as Chief of Police for the Pagedale Police Department and then, later, as the Assistant Executive Director of the St. Louis Equal Housing Opportunity Council; and

**WHEREAS**, in March 1993, Sgt. Buchanan became a Special Executive Assistant to Mayor Freeman Bosley Jr.; in 1997, Sgt. Buchanan joined the St. Louis Development Corporation where he currently serves as a Commercial District Manager, responsible for assisting with economic development within the City of St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, Sgt. Buchanan is a proud son of the Historic Lewis Place Neighborhood, attended Washington Elementary Grade School, graduated from Charles Sumner High School along with the world-renowned tennis champion Arthur Ashe; and

**WHEREAS**, we too infrequently pause to recognize the men and women who have quietly worked for the City of St. Louis for years; and Sgt. Buchanan's 45 years of service to our region is worthy of our thanks.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Retired Sergeant James H. Buchanan Jr.'s many years of service to our city and region. 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 at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 19th day of February, 2016, by:

**The Honorable Samuel Moore, Alderman 4th Ward**

Adopted this the 19th day of February, 2016, as attested by:

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Timothy G. O'Connell  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen