

RESOLUTION NUMBER 206
DANNY W. WILLIAMS

WHEREAS, Danny W. Williams was born April 27, 1935 in Alton, Illinois to the union of Arnett Williams and Virginia (Hyndman) Williams of which he was one of ten children nine boys and one girl; and

WHEREAS, Danny graduated from Alton Senior High School in 1954 and after graduation he enlisted in the United States Army where he was stationed in Western Europe. During his service, he held the Army's Welterweight Champion title for all of Western Europe; and

WHEREAS, after an honorable discharge, Danny returned to Alton where he was united in holy matrimony to Gail Gersman on November 19, 1960. He then moved to St. Louis and attended Hadley Tech for auto-mechanics and worked within that field for several years; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, Mr. Danny Williams joined the St. Louis City Fire Department where he was among the first African American men to serve on The St. Louis Fire Department. Danny served at Engine House #11, where in a rarity, he served his entire career until he retired in July of 1989 after 25 years of service; and

WHEREAS, after retirement, Danny continued to do what he enjoyed: working on anything from a car to lawnmower. Even after he became ill with his numerous hospital stays, you could not get him to stop as he persisted to fix anything and everything he deemed to be broken. He was never idle and often was found hunting or sharing a laugh with friend; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, God called Danny W. Williams home to his peaceful kingdom. Danny Williams touched many lives in his lifetime and his light will continue to shine through his loving family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Danny leaves to cherish his memory, his wife of 57 years Gail Williams, his two children: Steven J. Williams of St. Louis, MO. and Melissa A. Williams-Tauriac of Dallas, TX; three grand-children: Jerron A. Benson (Charre) of St. Louis, MO., Leah A. Tauriac and Lauren A. Tauriac of Dallas, TX; four great-grandchildren; two sisters: Karen Swanson and Joan Williams of Alton, IL.; two brothers: Benny Williams of St. Louis, MO, Gary Williams of Elgin, IL.; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and special friends. Danny was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers: Roy, Bernard, Arnett Jr., Lloyd, Lamond, Jimmy; and his dear sister Sarah; and

WHEREAS, the Sponsor of this Resolution wishes to use this Resolution to express her deepest appreciation for services rendered by Mr. Danny W. Williams as a first responder, Fire Fighter for the City of St. Louis for 25 years and acknowledge the commitment and sacrifice of Mr. Williams and his family for such a long term commitment to the City of St. Louis

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Honorable Members of the Board of Aldermen of The City of St. Louis join the sponsor of this resolution in expressing our deepest

sympathy to the family of Danny Williams upon his passing and take time from conducting the business of the St. Louis Board of Aldermen for a moment of silence in respect for Mr. Williams long time service to the City of St. Louis and his passing; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED THAT, this Honorable Board instructs the Clerk of this Board to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution to be presented to the family of Danny W. Williams at the appropriate time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced this 26th Day of January, 2018 by:

The Honorable Sharon Tyus, Alderwoman 1st Ward

Adopted this 26th Day of January, 2018 as attested by:

Donna Elliot
Assistant Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen