

**RESOLUTION 210**  
**WILLIE GRACE**

**WHEREAS**, we pause today to note the passing of Willie Grace who entered into eternal peace on Christmas morning, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018, never ever to be forgotten; and

**WHEREAS**, Willie Grace was born on June 13, 1942 in Bessemer, Alabama where he lived for many years before moving to St. Louis, Missouri; while living in Bessemer, Willie married his love, Eddie Mae Anderson and from that union they raised four children, Tonjula, Vickie, De Guan, and Mallyn Grace; and

**WHEREAS**, Willie took pride in supporting his family; he spent many years working at the U.S. Pipe Company in Bessemer, before moving to St. Louis and transitioning into the roofing profession and becoming a member of the Local Roofers Union; and

**WHEREAS**, Willie, also known as “Grayhorse” in Bessemer, loved singing and was gifted with a special, unforgettable voice; he was a prominent member of a well-known Gospel Male Chorus who had many engagements and were always in high demand; and

**WHEREAS**, Willie was an avid pool player, owning his own pool sticks, which he traveled with in his car on a daily basis. He was known as the best Pool player in Bessemer, and many today acknowledge that he taught them the art of pool; because of his skill for the game finding opponents was challenging, because in the end, nobody could beat Willie; and

**WHEREAS**, known as “Smooth” in St. Louis, Willie had a style of his own, his love for Western (cowboy) boots and unique belt buckles were his signature, he loved shopping for and investing in these items and they will always be fondly remembered when we think of Willie; and

**WHEREAS**, Willie’s family were his friends and his many friends were his family. Today, along with family and friends Willie Grace is remembered and celebrated.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to join the family and friends of Willie Grace to recognize, remember, and celebrate his life. 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 the family of Willie Grace at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 4th day of January, 2019 by:

**The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen**

Adopted this 4th day of January, 2019 as attested by:

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Louis Galli  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen