

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 212**  
**REV. DR. JAMES BROWN, SR.**

**WHEREAS**, James Brown, Sr. was born in Tunica, Mississippi as the only son of Willie and Callie Brown. At the age of three months, the family moved to St. Louis, Missouri where he was reared and taught by Christian parents. He professed a hope in Christ and was baptized at an early age. He grew up in Mercy Seat Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Roosevelt Brown; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Brown attended public school and was a graduated of Vashon High School and Morris School of Technology. He served with the United States Marines Corp and received an honorable discharged; and

**WHEREAS**, he was called into the ministry to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. To prepare for this great challenge, he matriculated at Midwestern Bible College, Metropolitan College, the International Bible Institute and Missouri Baptist College. In September 1985, he accepted the call to pastor the Mercy Seat Missionary Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri and he set forth programs to advance the missionary, evangelical, and educational ministry if the church. Many programs were instituted; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Brown served as Pastor of Mercy Seat Missionary Baptist Church for 30 years retiring on December 31, 2015, He served as Interim Pastor for 2 years and later becoming Pastor Emeritus; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev Brown served as Director of Ministers Division for the Missionary Baptist State Convention of Missouri and instructor for local church leadership schools and institutes; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Brown received many awards, certificates, letters, plaque and proclamation for his outstanding dedicated service to the church and the community. On December 23, 2010, an ordinance authoring and directing the Street Commissioner to take all necessary action to honorary designate the 4400 block of Washington Avenue as “Rev. James Brown Sr. Avenue”; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Brown leaves to cherish his life, wife, Carole Drake Brown, three daughters, two sons, seven granddaughter, five grandsons, five-great-grandsons, and three great-granddaughters.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the life of Rev. Dr. James Brown, Sr. and we 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 distinguished honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 26th Day of January, 2018 by:

**The Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward**

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

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Donna Elliot  
Assistant Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen