

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 255**  
**THE LIFE REFLECTIONS OF EARL BECTON**

**WHEREAS**, Earl Becton was born on August 10, 1949 in Saint Louis, Missouri. He was the seventh child to the late Theodore Roosevelt and Irene Becton (Hardin). His father, mother and brothers, Eddie, Theodore Roosevelt Jr., Major and Stanley, preceded him in death; and

**WHEREAS**, Earl was baptized at an early age at Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church. He was educated in the Saint Louis Public School System, graduating from Vashon High School; and

**WHEREAS**, Earl was employed at Carter Carburetor, Brown Shoe Company and the Archdiocese of Saint Louis, Missouri where he took an early retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, as a young man, Earl loved sports. He was very passionate about basketball and softball. He went on to coach little league baseball at Matthew Dickey Boys Club where he helped young men to develop character, sportsmanship and teamwork. He had high hopes that one day, one of his grandchildren would become a basketball star; and

**WHEREAS**, Earl loved his family dearly. He was a proud father and grandfather who loved to hear his grandchildren call him, "Pa Pa;" and

**WHEREAS**, in December of 2012, Earl's friend, Sonny, introduced him to Anita. Shortly after the two had a blind date, they met at Harold's home, the brother of Earl. In that moment, Earl knew he had found the love of his life. On February 15, 2015, Earl and Anita were united in Holy Matrimony; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 7, 2017, Earl was involved in a serious automobile accident. While still recovering from his injuries, Earl succumbed to death on Sunday, March 18, 2018, with his loving wife, Anita, and family at his side; and

**WHEREAS**, Earl leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Anita; five daughters, Kimberly (Steven) Hurst, Catina Braylock, Parish Lemmons, Ivy Becton and Carlotta Ann Golliday; three brothers, Harold (Maria), Clifford (Colleen) and Alvin (Joy); one sister, Ann Marie (Curtis) Becton-Hill; thirteen grandchildren, Travis, Germani, Terrone, Andre, Garland, Amani, Ayden, Destany, Diamen, DeShaun, DeShiyan, Daviyon and Cameron; twelve great grandchildren; and a host of other family members and friends.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we recognize the legacy of Earl Becton and we direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to further prepare a memorial copy to the end that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 22nd day of March 2018 by:

**The Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26th Ward**

Adopted this the 22nd day of March, 2018, as attested by:

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Louis C. Galli  
Interim Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen