

RESOLUTION NUMBER 139

Pastor Flem Ellis Bronner, Sr.

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that Pastor Flem Ellis Bronner, Sr. will be honored on Sunday September 27, 2009 at the Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church for the sixty years the famed Pastor Bronner has spread his message of God through his music and ministry; and

WHEREAS, Flem Ellis Bronner, Sr. was born in Pertshire, Mississippi to the late Robert T. and Blanche Bronner. He is the youngest of nine children and was reared in a close-knit family whose spiritual life flourished under the love and guidance of his parents, older siblings, late uncle and Pastor Reverend Thomas Bronner. Flem began singing at a young age in 1949 as the lead singer of "The Evening Stars" through the inspiration of his older sister, Blanche Bronner-Haney. In 1955, "The Evening Stars" changed their name to "The Bronner Brothers" and moved to St. Louis, the home base of its music and ministry; and

WHEREAS, on July 29, 1962, he received his gift of a lifetime, his faithful and loving wife, Mrs. Ozia Jennings Bronner, of Howardville, Missouri. Several years later, their only child was born to this blessed union, Flem E. Bronner, Jr., which completed their family circle of love. Today, Flem E. Jr. plays an integral part in his father's music ministry as a guitarist, and promoter; and

WHEREAS, on the 27th day of March in 1979, Pastor Flem E. Bronner, Sr. was ordained by his uncle, Reverend Thomas Bronner at New Bethel Baptist Church in Pertshire, Mississippi. Pastor Bronner's rise to fame came from his preaching from an 8-foot ladder. Churchgoers from around the world have witnessed this powerful and prolific presentation; and

WHEREAS, on the 14th day of September in 2002, after twenty long years of faithful service to the Lord, and traveling throughout Mississippi, Missouri, Illinois, Arkansas and other states around this nation preaching the good news of "Climbing Jacob's Ladder," Pastor Flem E. Bronner, Sr. and his son, Flem Ellis Bronner, Jr. launched a gospel premier promoting the release of their new CD/album titled "I Dreamed I Went to Heaven."; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at St. John, Pastor Bronner touched many lives, and saved lost souls through his ministry. His ministry is one of love and his motto is "Love has no color," and love is also colorblind, thereby allowing his message to transcend all colors, thnicity, minority groups, and socioeconomic classes. Pastor Bronner's spiritual walk with Christ resonates in his daily life that he shares with his family, church, community, and friends; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, St. John, and the entire Missouri region, have had the wonderful opportunity to meet many famous gospel groups and ministers; The Soul Stirrers, The Masonic Travelers, and of course, the world famous Bronner Brothers. His (late) Uncle Reverend T. B. Bronner, Pastor Mack McCollum, also known as the One Arm Bandit of Chicago, Illinois, Pastor Joe Simon and many other well-known ministers of America have been guest preachers at St. John.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Pastor Flem Ellis Bronner, Sr. for his many achievements and accomplishments and 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 to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 25th day of September, 2009 by:

Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward

Adopted this the 25th day of September, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen