

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 272**  
**Reverend Doctor Isaac Charles Peay, Sr.**

**WHEREAS**, this honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis has been apprised of the more than 37 years of the faithful and dedicated service of Reverend, Doctor Isaac Charles Peay, Sr. to the Galilee Baptist Church family and all of St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Peay was pastor of Galilee Baptist Church from January 4, 1954 until his retirement on August 11, 1991 and while pastor, he held Sunday evening services that were broadcast over the radio on KATZ and also served as the president of Ministers Conference of the City of St. Louis and National Baptist Convention, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, Galilee Church is located at 4300 Delmar Boulevard which is at the corner of Delmar and Pendleton in the 18<sup>th</sup> Ward; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Peay made many noteworthy accomplishments while the pastor of Galilee that are too numerous to be completely outlined this document and includes, but is not limited to, acquiring a next door building for the church's educational building that included a full kitchen used by many church and neighborhood associations; the purchase and erection of two new church signs; the acquisition of a lot at Pendleton and Washington for additional church parking and a children's playground; the purchase of a church water cooler placed in the vestibule; the acquisition of a small building for a youth gym used by church and area youth; and the acquisition of a 48 passenger church bus; and

**WHEREAS**, under Reverend Peay's leadership Galilee became an anchor and beacon to the St. Louis community and with his vision acquired over 400 Baptist hymnals placed on the back of every pew; additional choir song books; bibles for the Sunday School and B.T.U. Department; a new Hammond Organ; two new pianos; stain glass windows for the sanctuary; new pulpit furniture and a new communion set and table; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Peay always maintained a keen concern and interest in the well being of the Galilee Church family and with this in mind pushed to acquire central air conditioning at a time when many churches cooled themselves with large commercial fans and hand held ones; and

**WHEREAS**, deeply concerned for our youth, Dr. Peay organized a youth drum and bugle corps and became one of the founders of Operation Brightside that provides jobs for area youth throughout the summer months which he was honored for by former Mayor Vincent E. Schoemehl when Schoemehl proclaimed March 21, 1998 as Isaac Charles Peay Day in the City of St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, over the years Reverend Peay helped to establish many programs for assistance to the needy and involved the church and himself in many community efforts and opened the doors of the church to many civic and community functions including meetings related to civil rights organizing, community betterment, the ending of discrimination and neighborhood efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the years as pastor of Galilee Reverend Peay had a supportive wife, Sister Velma Peay, and family that helped to make Rev. Peay an outstanding leader and an achiever for our community.

**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 over 37 years of dedicated service to the Galilee Baptist Church Family and his efforts toward the betterment of the entire City of St. Louis and through this resolution recognize his great work toward improving St. Louis and the quality of life of its citizens 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 for presentation to the honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 29th day of January, 2010 by:

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

Adopted this the 29th day of January, 2010 as attested:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen