RESOLUTION NO. 78

REVEREND DR. LOUIS T. SHELTON

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Louis T. Shelton came into this world June 27, 1929 in Cleveland, Mississippi from the union of James and Lydia Shelton. He was baptized nine years later in 1938. He will be celebrating his 80th birthday on Saturday, June 27th, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Shelton moved to St. Louis, Missouri and worked for McDonnell Douglas for thirty years and retired in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Shelton married Retha Jackson on January 2, 1946 and to this union eight children were born: Gloria, Louis Jr., Dyann, Pauline, Joyce, Yvonne, Larry and Clarence (who now rests peacefully), and also 23 grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Shelton began preaching and was licensed on January 12, 1965 and later ordained on October 25, 1966; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Shelton became the Pastor of Union Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in August of 1970, where he remains pastor to this day; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Shelton has lived for 80 years, with most of those years as a husband, parent and preacher and from this life he is truly blessed with the love and admiration of those who know him.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and congratulate Reverend Dr. Louis T. Shelton on his 80th birthday and for his contributions to the City of St. Louis and the lives he has touched, 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 27th day of June, 2009 by:

Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward

Adopted this the 27th day of June, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney

Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed

President, Board of Aldermen