

RESOLUTION NUMBER 54
HONORING DOROTHY JACKSON-JOHNSON

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis of the passing of Mrs. Dorothy Jackson – Johnson an active and contributing member of our St. Louis community; and

WHEREAS, she was born in Leland Mississippi on May 9, 1932 to Gussie Spencer who preceded her in death. Dorothy attended Leland Mississippi City Schools completing her basic education; and

WHEREAS, on August 14, 1975, Dorothy married Lorenzo Johnson. Together, they raised her six children and from their union they had one son and became “The Magnificent Seven”; and

WHEREAS, she was a pillar to the North St. Louis community for over 40 years and was affectionally known as “Mrs. Jackson” and “Granny” throughout the community. She led by example and always had a beautiful smile and joyful heart which challenged each of us to be good to each other; and

WHEREAS, she gave more than just food to the hungry, she nourished your soul with words of encouragement. Everyone she met was welcomed with her loving soft spoken demeanor. No matter what you were going through, you could find comforting Godly wisdom and advice from her; and

WHEREAS, having a passion for cooking she worked at “Chah Wah Chinese Restaurant” as the head cook for several years, until they went out of business and later worked as a cook at the Greek Casino Lounge; and

WHEREAS, her love and gift for cooking and creating great food dishes motivated her to follow her dream and take her career to the next level by opening her own business. In 1980, she opened “The Magic Dragon Palace” restaurant which she partnered with her husband, Lorenzo Johnson. Dorothy was famous for serving soul food, Chinese food, and her signature burger, “The Dragon Burger”, which was like no other burger you’ve ever eaten; and

WHEREAS, her love for the Lord and serving God was unsurpassed. She would be preparing meals while singing songs of praise and worship, and always explained the important of togetherness to her family. She worshiped at her home church, “Phillips Memorial Baptist Church”, and the entire family would have a special “Family Sunday” to join her in service at least once a year. She loved and encouraged the family to develop a relationship with the Lord as well; and

WHEREAS, she enjoyed life and her annual family vacation to Tunica, Mississippi where she can see the sites and go dancing; and

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2020, such a beautiful spirit was called home to rest, and the angels guided her home; and

WHEREAS, her memory is cherished and celebrated by her loving husband, Lorenzo Johnson, four children, John Jackson, Bobbie Jackson, Debra Austell, and Clarence Johnson (Cassandra Johnson). Mrs. Jackson has a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren, cousins, sister in law-Helen and Geneva Johnson, and daughter-in-law, Emma Frazier, a special niece Catherine Sykes, God-Daughter-Claretta Brooks.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to reflect upon the life of Mrs. Dorothy Jackson-Johnson and by adoption of this Resolution wish to join those celebrating her life. 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 family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 16th day of October, 2020
The Honorable John Muhammad, Alderman 21st Ward

Adopted 16th day of October as attested by:

Terry Kennedy
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen