

Resolution Number 93
Ben Jordan Family Reunion

WHEREAS, we are delighted to pause in our deliberations to note and commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Ben Jordan Family Reunion, founded on June 29th, 1974 by the late Robert T. Jordan, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, we also take a moment today to remember Robert Sr., their past president, killed in performance of his duty as a St. Louis County police officer. He may not be here in body today, but they know his spirit is present with the Jordan family at all times; and

WHEREAS, this years theme, “From These Roots” will echo the theme used to mark the very first reunion, forty years ago, so that the new generation of the Jordan family will know our past as they may carry on our future; and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2012, the Ben Jordan Family Reunion became incorporated in the State of Missouri as a domestic, non-profit corporation. The following year the Ben Jordan Family Reunion Scholarship fund was started, awarding scholarship money to every college bound student in attendance at the reunion; and

WHEREAS, “A Love Like This”, the Ben Jordan Family Reunion award, inceptioned in June 2013, is awarded to family members displaying love, strength, character, and integrity above and beyond, the boundaries of the expected; and

WHEREAS, it is with much pride and joy that the Ben Jordan Family Reunion recognizes family members who have graduated on all levels of education, served the in the U.S. Armed Forces, and for all significant achievements accomplished to promote confidence and strength among family as well as in the community; and

WHEREAS, four decades later, the Ben Jordan Family reunion continues to grow with generations of children being raised in faith by family members that include ordained Reverends, Ministers, Pastors, and Deacons, who practice in the ways of God.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the 40th Anniversary gathering of the Ben Jordan Family Reunion as they unite on Sunday, June 29th, 2014, at O’Fallon Park, exactly 40 years to the date of the first reunion. 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 the family at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 27th day of June, 2014 by:

Honorable Antonio French, Alderman Ward 21

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen

Adopted this 27th day of June, 2014 as attested by

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen