

RESOLUTION NUMBER 122
Bishop Charlie Chatman

WHEREAS, Bishop Chatman was a family man, the father of five children and the husband of Queen Esther Chatman for fifty three years and ten months; and

WHEREAS, he worked untiringly to give them what he thought they deserved; working many long over-time hours at the jobs he held in order to add the little extras to their lives; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Chatman was a faithful man of God, dedicated to the work of the Lord. Four years into his pasturing, he became discouraged. With a handful of young people and a mountain of bills he decided that he had reached his limit; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Chatman told his wife that he wanted to go on vacation somewhere he had never been; away from churches, simply because he had no plans to attend one while on vacation; and

WHEREAS, the Lord dealt with Sister Chatman and told her to get him as close to Chicago, IL as possible; and with the help of her daughter they persuaded him to go out and take pictures of Elder Richard Henton's newly purchased church of which she was also a member; and

WHEREAS, on getting him there, he took out his camera for pictures. Sister Chatman ran up the steps and into church service knowing Bishop would follow. Elder Henton's message was for him: "It's worth it." In the middle of the message Bishop Chatman stood, raised his hands to God, and cried "Yes!"; and

WHEREAS, from that day he never looked backed, but pressed through every obstacle, believing "it was worth it"; and

WHEREAS, Bishop was a humble man who respected leadership and was loyal to his leaders. He went out of his way to be obedient to do whatever he could.

WHEREAS, Bishop Chatman was an achiever. He held a certificate from St. Louis University in Electronics, diplomas from Basis Institute of Technology and Data Processing and various degrees from Saints Academy Bible College: an Associates Degree in Biblical Studies, a Bachelors Degree in Christian Ministries, a Masters Degree in Christian Education and an Honorary Doctors Degree of Letters L.H.D.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to join with his many friends and family in expressing sorrow for the passing of Bishop Charlie Chatman 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 13th day of September, 2013 by:

Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderwoman 4th Ward

Adopted this the 20th day of September, 2013 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen