

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 127**

**Deacon Odis Dixson**

**WHEREAS**, we pause in our deliberations to note the untimely passing of longtime St. Louis resident, Deacon Odis Dixson; and

**WHEREAS**, Deacon Odis Dixson was born April 18, 1940 in Tyronza, Arkansas to the union of Jimmie and Bertha Dixson. They both preceded him in death. He was the third oldest of twelve siblings; 7 girls and 5 boys. Five of those siblings preceded him in death; and

**WHEREAS**, he was educated in the New Madrid Public School System. He attended and graduated from Libroun High School in June 1960 where he was class president the entire four years; and

**WHEREAS**, after graduating from high school, he migrated to St. Louis in 1961. In August 1963, he was inducted into the United States Army Corp. After serving 2 years, he was honorably discharged in August 1965; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 29, 1966 he was united in holy matrimony to Rose Carter of St. Louis and to that union one son was born (Lavalle). On January 29, 2006 at a very grand affair, they rededicated their love for each other after 40 years and renewed their vows with the Archbishop Michael A. West, Sr.; and

**WHEREAS**, Odis confessed a hope in Christ at a very early age, and was baptized. He also attended the New Mount Zion Baptist Church of Essex, Missouri and the West End Mount Carmel Baptist Church of St. Louis under the leadership of the former Dr. James E. Turner, Sr. Years later, he united with the Family of Faith Baptist Church under the very capable leadership of Dr. William E. Davis; and

**WHEREAS**, he was employed as a Supervisor with the St. Louis County Highway and Maintenance Department for 36 years and remained there until he retired in May 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, he was also Block Captain in the community where he lived and was very active in the neighborhood where he worked with Greg and Chris Carter and Pamela Boyd trying to improve and preserve the community. He was also instrumental in working with the City's Urban League. Odis was admired, loved and respected by many from all walks of life. He knew no strangers and was always willing to lend a helping hand. He was fondly known by many as the "Big O" ; and

**WHEREAS**, he slipped quietly away from this life to eternity on July 24, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. surrounded by his wife, son, and other loved ones at his home.

**WHEREAS**, He leaves to cherish his loving memorial, his loving and devoted wife of 46 years, Rose; (3) sons, Michael White (Connie) of Sikeston, Missouri, Lavalle Odis Dixson and Quentin Jeffries of St. Louis, Missouri; (1) daughter, Candace Jeffries of St. Louis, Missouri; (3) brothers, Sylvester (JoAnne), Osie Shirley, and Jerry (Ruth) Dixson all of St. Louis, Missouri (4) sisters, Earma Johnson (Kenneth) of Durham, North Carolina, Juanita McConnico (and a very special friend-Horace) of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Mamie Dixson, St. Louis, Missouri and Lorrene Dixson of Huntsville, Alabama; (9) grandchildren; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and other relatives and friends. Also, two special God daughters, Debra and Rechelle Hadley of St. Louis, Missouri and his loving mother-in-law, Missionary Mae Ann Miller.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to remember the many contributions of Deacon Odis Dixson to the citizens of the City of St. Louis and we join with his many friends in expressing our sorrow at his passing, 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 memorial copy for presentation to the Dixson family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008 by:

**Honorable Charles Quincy Troupe, Alderman 1<sup>st</sup> Ward**

Honorable Dionne Flowers, Alderwoman 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

Adopted this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen