

RESOLUTION NUMBER 130  
THE TEMPLE CHURCH OF CHRIST OF THE APOSTOLIC FAITH, INC.

WHEREAS, Bishop Austin Augustus Layne and his wife, Mother Selena Alberta Layne arrived in St. Louis, Missouri from New York City in 1913; and;

WHEREAS, Bishop Austin Augustus Layne founded the Temple Church of Christ on November 20, 1918; and

WHEREAS, on January 18, 1948, the Temple Church of Christ was erected at 4146 Washington Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, on November 25, 1962, the Temple Church of Christ liquidated the mortgage, six years before maturity; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Austin Augustus Layne departed this life at the age of 76 on October 15, 1967 and Mother Selena Alberta Layne departed this life at the age of 92 on January, 20, 1984; and

WHEREAS, during its 96 years, the Temple Church of Christ has been blessed with great pastors: Bishop Austin Augustus Layne, November 20, 1918-October 15, 1967; Bishop Samuel Austin Layne, October 1967-June 11, 1997; Elder Clifford Matthews, July 1997-October 2007, and the current Pastor, District Elder Ronald Earl Stephens beginning April 13, 2008; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of District Elder Ronald Earl Stephens and Lady Dorretta D. Stephens, Sunday morning attendance has significantly increased from a small number to now approximately 200 members; and

WHEREAS, The Temple Church of Christ after 66 years at 4146 Washington Boulevard has now relocated to its current home at 2741 Dayton Street.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the relocation of Temple Church of Christ and we wish them continued success, achievement and accomplishment 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 30th day of October, 2015 by:

**Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr. Alderman 3rd Ward**

Adopted this 30th day of October, 2015 as attested by:

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Donna Evans-Booker  
Assistant Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen