

**Resolution Number 132**

**Rev. Adow Nelson**

**WHEREAS**, this honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis has been apprised that on October 6, 2013 a celebration for Rev. Adow Nelson will be held at Mercy Seat Missionary Baptist Church for his 100th birthday; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Adow Nelson was born to Lucious and Rita Nelson on October 3, 1913 in McComb Mississippi. Delivered by a mid-wife, he was born in the year it reached 134 degrees in Death Valley, California. Adow is the oldest of 22 brothers and sisters; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Nelson is a World War II Veteran serving in the US Army 810 Engineer Battalion as an Infantry Boot Man, Cook, and Tailor. Rev. Nelson received an honorable discharge; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Nelson started preaching when he was 7 years of age, but he was not ordained until 1940 at the age of 27 by Rev. Holden of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Macon, Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Nelson retired from Krey Packing Company after 30 years of service. He is a member of Mercy Seat Baptist Church, 4424 Washington Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Nelson has one sister, Climer Nelson Taylor, many nieces, nephews, and cousins with along with his Church Family who will help him celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Nelson states he is blessed by God and he honors him daily. Rev. Nelson states boldly, "GOD IS THE REASON I AM 100 YEARS YOUNG."

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we happily pause in our deliberations to recognize and congratulate Rev. Adow Nelson on his 100th birthday and for his many contributions to the City of St. Louis including the numerous lives he has touched, 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 4th day of October, 2013 by:

**Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward**

Adopted this the 4th day of October, 2013 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