

RESOLUTION NO. 142
Rev. Dr. Jimmy L. Brown's 40th Pastoral Anniversary

WHEREAS, the Rev. Dr. Jimmy Lee Brown was born December 28, 1947, and raised in rural Mississippi (Clarksdale-Hillhouse) to sharecropper parents; he was raised with the idea that he could achieve anything with the help of God, and with God's help, this year he is marking his 40th Pastoral Anniversary at St. Luke Memorial Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, the Rev. Dr. Brown accepted his call into the Gospel Ministry, and he preached his first sermon on March 26, 1967, at the Bethlehem Baptist Church under the leadership of Dr. Cleophus Robinson; in 1976 he was called to become Pastor the St. Luke Memorial Missionary Baptist Church; that is the same year that he joined the Missionary Baptist State Convention of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, he is a Vietnam veteran and went on to work as a manager with Sears for 15 years; he has served as an instructor in the Berean District Association for over 25 years; and served as Moderator of Berean District from 1985 through 1990; and

WHEREAS, the Rev. Dr. Brown led Berean District in developing a Home Mission site, a nonprofit known as Berean House, a homeless shelter and mission station for feeding the hungry in the city of St. Louis; while serving as Berean Moderator, he organized the Moderators Auxiliary of the Missionary Baptist State Convention of Missouri under the leadership of Dr. McKinley Dukes; this auxiliary is still a part of the Convention work; and

WHEREAS, he has served as President (1990-2001) of the Congress of Christian Education, auxiliary to the Missionary Baptist State Convention of Missouri; Dean of the National Baptist Ushers and Nurses auxiliary, coordinating the efforts to certify all their courses during their annual session; Vice President of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education 10 years; and Vice President of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. from 2009-2014, the first and only Pastor from Missouri to date that has served in that position; and

WHEREAS, he has received numerous awards of recognition and commendations, including the St. Louis County Martin Luther King Award—"Keep The Dream Alive" for community leadership; the 1993 Dr. Martin Luther King "Life and Legacy" Award for his work with the development of Berean House Christian Care Center; and he was appointed by the St. Louis County Executive to the St. Louis County Police Board as a Commissioner holding the rank of Colonel (retired); and

WHEREAS, he has been married for more than 48 years to Dyann (Shelton) Brown (Past President of the Minister's Wives and Widows Auxiliary of the Missionary Baptist State Convention of Missouri), and they are the parents of six daughters and have 11 grandchildren and five sons-in-law.

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 Rev. Dr. Jimmy Lee Brown for reaching the milestone of his 40th Pastoral Anniversary at St. Luke Memorial Missionary Baptist Church and to thank him for his years of service to our community. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to prepare a commemorative copy of this Resolution to the end that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 21st day of October, 2016, by:

The Honorable Marlene E. Davis, Alderwoman, 19th Ward

Adopted this the 21st day of October, 2016, as attested by:

Timothy O'Connell
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen