

RESOLUTION NUMBER 220
Fortune Mico McGhee-King

WHEREAS, Fortune Mico McGhee-King passed away unexpectedly Thursday, February 2, 2017, at the age of 28; and

WHEREAS, Fortune was born July 14, 1988, in St. Louis, Missouri, to Bennice Jones-King and Frank McGhee; raised by Ronald and Bennice King, Fortune was an exceptional student and athlete; he excelled on and off the mat, ring, field, and track; Fortune graduated from Vashon High School and continued his studies at the University of Nebraska, majoring in quantitative mathematics; and

WHEREAS, Fortune returned to St. Louis after completing his studies to be closer to his family and started his multi-state transportation company; he had a zest for life, knowledge, and adventure; Fortune was an avid snow border and loved riding his dirt bikes, reading, boxing, photography, and roller skating; he traveled to many cities and countries; this experience was a part of his life's education; Fortune was committed to health and fitness; therefore, he stayed in the gym where he met his fiancée; and

WHEREAS, Fortune is survived by his parents, Bennice and Ronald King, Frank McGhee; brother and best friend Justice; brother Ronald King III; grandparents Cizerine and Kermit Ford and Maggie King; uncles Benny Jones, Brian Jones (Shantay), Romero King, Luther Boykins Sr., Wendell Tyler; aunts Kimberly Jones Crayton (Mark), Veronica King, Sharon King, Shirley Jean Smith, Bettye Campbell, Terri Tyler; and a multitude of cousins all over the country; Fortune had planned to surprise the family with the news that he would soon be a father to a future baby King and the marriage to his fiancée Karina "KK" Kozhukharenko; and

WHEREAS, Fortune is preceded in death by angels: Billie Boykins (Aunt), Willie Sonny Smith (Uncle), Benny Jones (Grandfather), Annie Lee Anthony (Great Grandmother), Jimmie Lee Nunn (Great Uncle), Lorenza King (Grandfather), and Marlon Evans (Godfather); and

WHEREAS, Fortune's infectious smile and zest for life will be truly missed; he never met a stranger and was loved by many in his life; Fortune was raised to know that there were never limitations to the enjoyment of life and that you should always strive to be and do your best; he had a competitive spirit and was always there to lend a helping hand to anyone in need.

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 exemplary life of Fortune Mico McGhee-King and we offer our deepest condolences to his family and friends. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to prepare a memorial 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 9th day of February, 2017, by:

Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward

Adopted this the 9th day of February, 2017, as attested by:

Timothy O'Connell
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen