

**Resolution Number 220**  
**Jesse Bennie Johnson, Sr.**

**WHEREAS**, Jesse Bennie Johnson, Sr., was born on March 10, 1931, in Fayette, Mississippi to the union of Amos Johnson, Sr. and Daisy Rouland-Johnson, both preceded him in death. His siblings, Amos Johnson, Jr., Clara Johnson-Buchanan, Daisy Johnson-Williams also preceded him in death; and

**WHEREAS**, Jesse's formative years were spent in Fayette, Mississippi and New Orleans, Louisiana. He often spoke of his memorable years growing up on a farm in Fayette with his horse "Red" and the exciting time in New Orleans. He later joined his mother and other siblings in St. Louis, Missouri, where he started his successful career with Independent Packing Company (later Swift Meat Packing Company) as a professional pipe fitter. He married Blanche George-Johnson on April 3, 1954; and

**WHEREAS**, Jesse accepted the Lord as his personal Savior in St. Louis, Missouri on October 23, 1955 at Newstead Missionary Baptist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Jesse married Lillie May Horton in 1948. Robert C. Johnson, Jessie Bennie Johnson, Jr and Cynthia Johnson-Cathcart resulted in this union. On April 3, 1954 he married, Blanche George-Johnson. To this union, Carla Johnson-Anderson was born. Blanche preceded him in death; and

**WHEREAS**, Jesse was a veteran of the United States Army and was Honorably Discharged on April 30, 1962; and

**WHEREAS**, Jesse's love was for his church (Newstead Avenue Missionary Baptist Church), family, his annual Christmas party and bowling. He was an avid bowler, traveling throughout the Midwest to bowl in tournaments, including St. Louis, Missouri, Cincinnati and Dayton, Ohio, Detroit, Michigan and Chicago, Illinois. His success was evident in the number of trophies he brought home; and

**WHEREAS**, Jesse leaves to cherish his memory and celebrate his reunion with our Lord, his son, Jessie Bennie Johnson, Jr. (Los Angeles, CA) daughters Cynthia Johnson-Cathcart (Hemet , CA)and Carla Johnson-Anderson(Rock) (Atlanta, GA) , grandchildren: Wesley Johnson, Sr., Mark Caveness, Paul Riley, Kia Riley and Breanna Johnson-Anderson, great-grand children: Wesley Johnson, Jr., Simone Johnson and Devin Caveness; sisters, Mary Johnson-Bush and Darlene Gillespie, sister in-law Dorothy Johnson and brother in-law Fred Gillespie; God children, Christopher and Sarah Neal, and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, Newstead Avenue Missionary Baptist Church members, bowlers and friends.

**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 Jesse Bennie Johnson, Sr. 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 Johnson family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 30th day of January, 2015 by:

**Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26<sup>th</sup> Ward**

Adopted this the 30th day of January, 2015 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