

RESOLUTION NUMBER 277
Bishop Lawrence M. Wooten
& First Lady Evangelist Missionary Shirley James Wooten

WHEREAS, Minister Columbus Williams obeyed the word of God that was spoken to him saying “Go ye therefore into all the world, and preach the gospel of deliverance from sin.”; and

WHEREAS, Williams Temple, from a storefront on Gratiot Street to its present and eighth (8th) location at 1500 N. Union is one of most vibrant and active C.O.G.I.C. churches in the St. Louis area. It continues to grow and prosper under the dynamic leadership of Pastor Lawrence M. Wooten and First Lady Evangelist Missionary Shirley James Wooten and do great things; and

WHEREAS, It has been under the pastorage of Pastor Lawrence M. Wooten that the sanctuary was totally renovated and remodeled into the beautiful house that stands today. Pastor Wooten, PhD, DD., native Saint Louisan, is an alumnus of Saint Louis University and served as an educator and administrator in the public school system for 30 years and is the presiding Bishop of the Eccleasical Jurisdiction of Eastern Missouri/Western Illinois Church of God In Christ. Sister Wooten was saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost at Williams Temple COGIC under the leadership of Dr. Lawrence M. Wooten. She became a licensed Evangelist Missionary in 1986 and is now a Licensed National Evangelist; and

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Bishop Wooten and First Lady Evangelist Missionary Shirley James Wooten both the local Church and the Jurisdiction have thrived. They are visionaries of great consequence. However, they feel the greatest vision is for souls, Bishop Wooten is often heard to say, “It’s all about souls.”

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Bishop Lawrence M. Wooten and First Lady Evangelist Missionary Shirley James Wooten along with their daughters Sarah and Grace celebrating 32 years of pastoral work and are no ways tired. 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 15th day of December, 2011 by:

Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward

Adopted this the 16th day of December, 2011 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen