

RESOLUTION NUMBER 67

Rev. James E. Cook

WHEREAS, we pause in our deliberations to note many contributions on Rev. James E. Cook, (December 4, 1900 – August 1, 1961); and

WHEREAS, Rev. Cook was the Executive Director of the Pine Street Branch YMCA from 1941-1961; and

WHEREAS, from 1946 until his death, Rev. Cook was the officiating pastor of Antioch Baptist Church. He was also a civic leader, appointed to human relations and housing committees under several mayoral administrations. Rev. Cook led the campaign for construction of Homer G. Phillips Hospital. He served for many years on the Annie Malone Children's Home Board of Directors and orchestrated the orphanage's May Day festivities; and

WHEREAS, the annual Y-Circus was the brainchild of Rev. Cook, and the annual proceeds from this event raised funds to extend the camping experience to those who could not afford to attend Camp River Cliff. Through his work with Antioch Baptist Church, the Pine Street Branch YMCA, Camp River Cliff, and other institutions of the Black community Rev. Cook inspired and motivated many young people to achieve their dreams; and

WHEREAS, the YMCA Olde Tymers commissioned a bust of Reverend James E. Cook as a testament to the Cook legacy and his work as Executive Director of the Pine Street Branch YMCA; and

WHEREAS, the dedication of the bust will occur on May 19, 2010, 11:00 a.m. at the Monsanto Family YMCA to be permanently installed.

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 Rev. James E. Cook to the citizens of the City of St. Louis and we direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a copy for the family of the honoree, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 14th day of May, 2010 by:

Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward

Adopted this the 14th day of May, 2010 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen