

RESOLUTION NUMBER 184
James Prentice McFadden

WHEREAS, we pause in our deliberations to note the untimely passing of longtime St. Louis resident, James Prentice McFadden; and

WHEREAS, James Prentice McFadden made his arrival as the second of two children born to James and Myrtle (Williams) McFadden on October 30, 1928. He was born in Jackson, Tennessee and moved to St. Louis, at the age of two. James graduated from Washington Technical High School and then went on to a business college where he received a certificate of completion; and

WHEREAS, James accepted Christ at an early age. Over his lifetime he attended some of the local churches, but his favorite and truly his home church was Union Memorial. He loved everything about the church and the people and the Pastors were truly a family to him. His membership spanned decades. He talked about the Pastors he was under and how he could feel the love of Christ through them. Notably he spoke recently of Dr. Doggett and Pastor Kosh. He really felt a connection with them and experienced the presence of God through their teachings; and

WHEREAS, James enlisted in the military in 1951 and was in the Korean War and received a bronze star for heroism; and

WHEREAS, in 1955 James was united in Holy Matrimony with Josephine Walker to this union one child was born. Their son, Darryl, made him very proud and he was the spitting image of him. Josephine brought a daughter to this relationship, Yvette, and James was very fond of her and thought of her like his own; and

WHEREAS, James, or as most people called him Jim, was a true businessman. He was known to start up businesses and have success with them at a young age. He started a small paper route which grew to much larger proportions, so much so that he hired some friends to help him with getting the newspapers out. James started the Nor-Side TV Shop in 1960, while driving buses for Bi-State Development. He loved driving buses and repairing televisions. He had a special friend who worked for him; Freeman Bosley, Sr. and they got along great and loved the business. He later started the McFadden Realty and Insurance Company which is still in existence today. He has sold real estate to some of the most notable people around St. Louis. He has sold insurance for companies such as Blue Cross Blue Shield, Travelers and various small companies. As recently as three years ago, GEICO offered him a position as a regional manager but James wanted to sit back and relax by this time and just enjoy life; GEICO made this offer to him three times in the past seven years; and

WHEREAS, later in life James met and married Georgia Harrison and the two of them shared twelve exciting years together. James leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife, Georgia; a loving son Darryl(Ana) McFadden of Fort Worth, Texas; a devoted and loving daughter, Barbara(Drew) Nelson; three step-daughters, Yvette(Melvin), Katherine(Tommie) and Trina all of St. Louis. He has three wonderful grandchildren to carry on his legacy, Mya Easaw, Katrina and Kalen McFadden and many cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Rose Lee Price. Also some friends who deserve special mention are Arthur Matthews, Sam Nichols and James Cole and the many co-workers of Hertz Car Rental.

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 James Prentice McFadden. 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 McFadden family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor

Introduced on the 17th day of September, 2010 by:

Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr., Alderman 3rd Ward

Adopted this the 17th day of September, 2010 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen