

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 187**

**Elmer Wendell Hill Sr.**

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that Elmer Wendell Hill Sr. will soon be celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. He was born on October 10, 1920, in St. Louis to parents Claude and Myrtle Hill; and

**WHEREAS**, he is the 3<sup>rd</sup> child born; siblings include Claudell Givens (95), Altha Robinson (93), Leroy Hill (87), Mildred McCulley (84), Maybelle Hollins (82) and Wendell Hill (81) ; and

**WHEREAS**, he was married to the love of his life, Dolly for 51 years. They had 6 children: Marilyn Stone, Gwendolyn Brown, Elmer Hill Jr., Louis Hill, Gregory Hill and Michelle Hayden. Elmer Wendell Hill has 18 grandchildren (1 deceased) and 22 great-grandchildren (1 deceased); and

**WHEREAS**, he graduated from L'Overture Grade School in 1935 and Vashon High School in 1939. While attending Vashon, he was an outstanding scholar-athlete playing football (All-State), basketball (All-State) and track and field (Captain) where he set multiple records in the 880 and mile. He received a full scholarship to attend Arkansas State-Pine Bluff until his studies were interrupted to fight in World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, he served in United States Army from September 12, 1942 to November 23, 1945, with the 69<sup>th</sup> Division - 273<sup>rd</sup> Infantry during World War II as one of the few African Americans that volunteered for the front line fighting along the Rhine River in Germany. His highest grade achieved was 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant; and

**WHEREAS**, he was employed with the United States Civil Service from 1946 until 1982, when he retired as a Logistical Management Specialist; and

**WHEREAS**, he is known in the Midwest as an outstanding Bridge card player - accumulating many trophies and awards over many years; and

**WHEREAS**, he is well-respected and fondly called "DA" by his family and the many people who have adopted him as their father; and

**WHEREAS**, he dedicated his life to God and joined Pleasant Green M. B. Church in October 2008.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberation to wish Elmer Wendell Hill Sr. a happy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread 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 24th day of September, 2010 by:

**Honorable Joseph Roddy, Alderman 17<sup>th</sup> Ward**

Adopted this the 24th day of September, 2010 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