

*RESOLUTION NUMBER 213
BISHOP CHARLES E. BLAKE*

WHEREAS, Bishop Charles E. Blake serves as Presiding Bishop of the 6 million member Church of God in Christ, one of our nation's largest denominations. He also serves as the Jurisdictional Prelate of the First Jurisdiction of Southern California comprised of more than 250 churches; and

WHEREAS, He is the pastor of West Angeles Church of God in Christ with a membership of over 24,000. West Angeles is deeply involved in providing not only for the spiritual life of its people, but also it provides more than 80 programs for the psychological, social, and economic enhancement of the community; and

WHEREAS, As founder and CEO of Save Africa's Children, Bishop Blake oversees the support of more than 100 thousand children, in 340 orphan care programs, throughout more than 23 nations on the continent of Africa; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Blake was the founding Chairman of the Board of Directors for C.H. Mason Theological Seminary. He served as an Executive Committee member on the Board of Directors of the Interdenominational Theological Seminary. He served as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of Oral Roberts University, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the International Charismatic Bible Ministries. In 2006 he served on the Los Angeles Board of the Azusa Centennial Celebration; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Blake has also formerly served as an Advisory Committee Member of the Pentecostal World Conference. He serves as the Chairman and Founder of the Los Angeles Ecumenical Congress (LAEC), an interdenominational coalition of religious leaders and pastors. He is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, Religious Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Blake has received numerous awards, commendations, and accolades. A few include: April 2007, the Distinguished Leadership Award presented by the African Presidential Archives and Research Center at Boston University, the 2006 Trumpet Award, the Salvation Army's William Booth Award, the Greenlining Institute's Big Heart Award, and the designated recipient of the L.A. Urban League's Whitney M. Young Award for the year 2000. In 2003, Bishop Blake was awarded the Harvard Foundation Humanitarian Medal for his work with Save Africa's Children and its mission to support orphanages throughout that continent. February 5, 2004 was designated as "Bishop Charles E. Blake Day" by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Blake is married to Mae Lawrence Blake. They have three children and six grandchildren.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, meeting in regular session, that we recognize, and honor Bishop Charles E. Blake for his many accomplishments, and dedication to the Kingdom of God and we welcome him to the City. We further direct the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of this proceeding 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 26th day of October, 2007 by:
Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward
Adopted this 26th day of October, 2007 as attested by:

Denise Watson-Wesley Coleman
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

