

*RESOLUTION NUMBER 226  
EL- BETHEL M. B. CHURCH*

**WHEREAS, we have been apprised that El-Bethel M. B. Church will be celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary from Wednesday, November 7, 2007 through Sunday, November 11, 2007; and**

**WHEREAS, El-Bethel M. B. Church originated in 1857 in a small house located at Whittier and Bulwer Avenue in North St. Louis, and the years of transition have included various pastors and relocations but never a split or name change, and this house of worship has sustained the test of time - witnessing periods of growth and struggle yet the Word prevailed; and**

**WHEREAS, El-Bethel is one of the many long standing houses of faith which signifies that old churches are steadfast in carrying out the mission of Christ; and**

**WHEREAS, the mission has been sustained by great visionaries like the late Rev. George L. White who pastored the church from 1957-1985, and under his pastorate, the present church home was erected in 1983, which is located at 5401 Gilmore Avenue and that of course, seemed unobtainable, opposition reared its ugly head and tested the faith of the congregation but being the great leader he was, Rev. White quickly encouraged the membership and worked side by side with the congregation to make this vision a reality. When his health began to fail in 1985, his son, Rev. Dewitt White, Sr. was elected pastor and on this historical date, he continues to carry the torch, and some say that the current pastor is a replica of his father upholding the standards of the old church which have served them so faithfully through the years; and**

**WHEREAS, this cultural treasure nestled in the Walnut Park neighborhood continues to expand its mission program to greatly serve the community, and they have come this far by faith and will forever glorify the Lord.**

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize El-Bethel M.B. Church as it celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary and by the adoption of this resolution wishes to join in the festivities. We also recognize its Pastor, Dewitt White, Sr. for his hard work and leadership since 1985 for the Kingdom of God, and we direct the Clerk of this Board to prepare a commemorative copy of this Resolution to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.**

**Introduced on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2007 by:  
Honorable Gregory J. Carter, Alderman 27<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Adopted this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2007 as attested by:**

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**Denise Watson-Wesley Coleman  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen**

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**Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen**

