

RESOLUTION NUMBER 248

Leonard Riggins, Sr.

WHEREAS, Leonard Riggins, Sr. was born on October 16, 1956 in Saint Louis, Missouri to Hattie and John Riggins; and

WHEREAS, Leonard was educated in the Saint Louis Public School System. Upon his graduation from high school, Leonard had numerous jobs including 17 years in the Saint Louis Parks Department as a Park Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, Leonard's ultimate dream and desire was to become a Saint Louis City firefighter; which he realized in 1993. He was a faithful and well respected employee until his untimely death; and

WHEREAS, Leonard was a man of many gifts and talents. He was attending Bible College where he was pursuing a bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies and writing a book on marriage and relationships. He was a chef and owned rental properties, invested in commercial real estate, and was a proud homeowner. His greatest accomplishment was his home health care agency, Chevetta in Home Care Services, which he founded out of his basement with his wife, Donita; and

WHEREAS, Leonard was a fun, loving and happy person. He was the family's resident master of the barbeque and entertaining was his forte. His passion was his partner, Donita, his sons Antwan and Leonard Jr., his family and his faith; and

WHEREAS, Leonard enjoyed and loved many things, but his breath, heartbeat and pulse was Emmaus Tabernacle Church. Leonard was involved in many roles including; Associate Pastor, Sunday School Superintendent and whatever role the Pastor needed to benefit the church; and

WHEREAS, he leaves to cherish his life memories, his wife Donita; sons Antwan and Leonard, Jr.; 3 grandchildren, Shabria, Kiarra, and Antwan Jr.; 2 sisters and 1 brother, Christine, Bernetta, and Curtis; nephews: Louis, Lavell, Toran, Little Herb, Darrius, Lloyd, Montez, Barry, Ricky, James, Lil Dave, Elgin, Dan Jr., Marlon, JB, Todd, Jeff, TJ, Tonnell, Ronnie, Lil Tony, and Shelton; 2 special godsons: Euwran and Javon; nieces: Tamara, Ralonda, Shalonda, Kira, Miss Ash, TeeTee and ReeRee, Rhea, and Raevynn; a special great nephew, Ketrick; a great niece, Ashley; one special brother-in-law, Big Dave; one special sister-in-law, Deana; and his Best friend, Pastor, Teacher and Mentor, Elder Luther Bell, Jr. and was preceded in death by Gloria, Stanley, Lloyd and his parents Hattie and John Riggins.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the contributions and selflessness of Leonard Riggins, Sr. and celebrate his life as an inspiration to all citizens of St. Louis and 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 the 21st day of November, 2008 by:

Dionne Flowers, Alderwoman 2nd Ward

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Adopted this the 21st day of November, 2008 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen