

RESOLUTION NUMBER 306

The Intermediate Choir of Christ Southern Mission Baptist Church

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that The Intermediate Choir of Christ Southern Mission Baptist Church is celebrating their 50th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the Intermediate Choir of Christ Southern Mission Baptist Church, under the leadership of the late Pastor Herman Gore, Sr., was founded in 1959 by Sister Emelda Bernard Harris with the support of Mother Frankie Johnson who served as Mother of the choir. The Intermediate Choir was prayerfully organized to provide a place for the young people, 14 years of age and older leaving the Jr. Choir, to continue their church music ministry; and

WHEREAS, the choir started with five charter members: Mary Anderson, Sandra Hunt, Elaine Spann, Nadine Watkins, and Jean Allen. Founder Emelda B. Harris served as first pianist, Walter L. Harris as first director and saxophonist, with Jean Allen as first president. The young people were always encouraged to serve the choir as officers, musicians, directors and soloists. Many have served the choir through the years including musicians: Ventura Driver, Malcolm Speed, Mark and Larry Johnson, Oscar Williams, and James “Sonny” Ward; and

WHEREAS, the current dynamic musician is Minister Rodney Mobley with the faithful and dedicated president and director, Minister Jeffrey Rhone. The late Pastor Herman Gore, Jr. later renamed the choir the Young Adult Choir; and

WHEREAS, many enthusiastic young Christians have served faithfully during the fifty year history of this choir providing outstanding inspirational songs of praises for first Sunday services. They also rendered concerts, sponsored musicals and other events, and enjoyed the fellowship with other churches, singers, choirs, in the St. Louis Metropolitan area as well as other cities and states (Little Rock, Chicago, etc.) God has wonderfully blessed the choir and many of its past and present members are now church and auxiliary leaders, Ministers of the Gospel, Ministers of music, educators, nurses, and other community leaders serving in and out of the St. Louis area.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the Intermediate Choir of Christ Southern Mission Baptist Church for their achievement and we wish them continued success and accomplishment 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 commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 6th day of February, 2009 by:

Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26th Ward

Adopted this the 6th day of February, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen