

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 335**

**WHEREAS**, we pause in our deliberations to note the untimely passing of longtime St. Louis resident, Arthur Lee; and

**WHEREAS**, Arthur Lee was born on April 2, 1914 in Bernard, Mississippi to the union of Handy and Bernice Lee. He accepted Christ as his personal Savior at a very young age and was baptized. He attended school in the state of Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 19, 1933, Arthur was united in holy matrimony with Almetter Colenbery, in Clarksdale, Mississippi. To this union five sons were born; and

**WHEREAS**, in December of 1934, the Lee family relocated to St. Louis and was immediately united in Christian fellowship with New Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Pastor S.L. Love. After the death of Pastor Love, Deacon Lee remained a faithful member of the New Bethlehem Missionary Baptist church under the Pastorate of Pastor Phelton Wednesday Jones. Under the leadership of Pastor P.W. Jones, Deacon Lee was appointed a Sunday School Teacher and Directory of the Baptist Training Union, where he served untiringly. During earlier years, as a young man, he was a faithful member of the Golden Echo Male Chorus, a community choral group from various churches whose music ministry was a blessing to many people as they sang Zion songs in many churches throughout the St. Louis area; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 24, 1975 after the death of Pastor P.W. Jones, Pastor Hosea' E. Gales was elected pastor of the New Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church. Pastor Gales retained Deacon Lee in every position he had served in over the years. Deacon Lee, in turn, remained faithful until declined health prevented him from serving as he once did. Deacon Lee was very well read in the word of God and could always point you to the Scriptures for whatever one might be experiencing. He also touched the lives and spirits of many when called upon to lead the church in the singing of a Dr. Isaac Watts hymn or Prayer of Faith; and

**WHEREAS**, on Wednesday, January 30, 2008 our Lord relieved him from all earthly sorrows and ills, by way of divine transition. "Cares all past, home at last, evermore to rejoice!;" and

**WHEREAS**, Deacon Arthur Lee is survived by his sons; Sidney, Sterling of Houston, Texas, Arthur, Jr., Calvin Jesse of Minneapolis, Minnesota and Tommie; one adopted daughter, Rochelle; seven grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to remember the many contributions of Arthur Lee to the citizens of the City of St. Louis and we join with his many friends in expressing our sorrow at his passing, 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 memorial copy for presentation to the Lee family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008 by:

**Honorable Samuel L. Moore Alderman 4th Ward**

Adopted this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008 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

