

RESOLUTION NUMBER 343

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that on March 9, 2008, Rev. Shadrach J. Burks, Sr. will celebrate his glorious 30th Anniversary as Pastor of Azariah Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Shadrach J. Burks, Sr. is a native of St. Louis, Missouri and graduated from Marquette Elementary School and O' Fallon Technical High School. He attended St. Louis Community College and St. Louis University; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 1970, Rev. Burks joined the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, where he initially served as a patrolman and received recognition as Police Officer of the Month and also many Letters of Commendation for his outstanding performance; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Burks attended the University of Virginia where he studied Criminal Justice and later graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation Academy, on September 14, 1980; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Burks served as Deputy Commander of Internal Affairs and displayed dedication and professionalism in all circumstances and was commissioned as Lieutenant on July 6, 1993 and diligently performed in the capacity of Assistant Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Burks retired from the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department in February 1996 after receiving an on-duty injury; and

WHEREAS, while still pursuing a law enforcement career, Rev. Burks had a calling from God and was ordained and installed as the Pastor of the Azariah Missionary Baptist Church. He has labored and devoted his time and attention to teaching, counseling and training as a financial advisor and provider. He has worked without ceasing to encourage and assist in the enlightenment and education of his parishioners, the community and the general public; and

WHEREAS, foreseeing the church's rapid growth Rev. Burks directed efforts for the building of the present church on March 2, 1992 and on December 15, 1992, the church was completed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Rev. Shadrach J. Burks, Sr. on the occasion of his 30th Anniversary and we wish him continued success 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 honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 29th day of February, 2008 by:

Honorable April Ford-Griffin, Alderwoman 5th Ward

Adopted this the 29th day of February, 2008 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen