

RESOLUTION NUMBER 353

Jesse Taylor

WHEREAS, Jesse Taylor was a vital part of “The Ville” neighborhood known for his gentle spirit and compassionate nature. Friends and neighbors called Taylor “The Tee Shirt Man” because he sold so many inexpensive tee shirts to residents. His store was more than just a convenient spot for inexpensive hats, clothing and candy; it had become a neighborhood gathering place where friends met to chat and seniors often found a job helping Taylor; and

WHEREAS, Jesse Taylor, a long-time member of the Kossuth Church of God in Christ, truly lived a life exemplary before anyone. He would often spend his days testifying and witnessing of God’s goodness to the many friends and neighbors while working in his store. He was also known to lead many to his church. Many would agree, “He gave his life for what he stood for”; and

WHEREAS, Jesse Taylor acted as mentor to the many youth that he trained in various trades. It was his urging that directed youth back on a positive track and helping them to become positive citizens today. Taylor would often assist the elderly and always was a “listening” ear during their many reminiscent periods. Everyone could depend on Jesse Taylor; and

WHEREAS, today’s celebration remembers a loving and caring individual. It also serves as a memorial in remembrance of Taylor’s commitment to “The Ville Neighborhood.” Jesse Taylor will be truly missed but today’s commemoration will always be a vivid reminder of the “Tee Shirt Man.”

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 Jesse Taylor to the citizens of the City of St. Louis 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 Taylor family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 13th day of March, 2009 by:

Honorable Samuel L. Moore Alderman 4th Ward

Adopted this the 13th day of March, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen