

RESOLUTION NUMBER 367
Ken Riddick, Sr.

WHEREAS, Ken Riddick, Sr. opened Riddick's Cleaners on March 8, 1960, and has been in business on the corner of Lee and Shreve in the 21st Ward for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Riddick was born Coffeerville, Mississippi in 1926. His mother brought him to St. Louis in 1939. He served in the United States Navy from 1943-1946; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Riddick was married to his wife, Marion Riddick, for 42 years. He has a son, Ken Riddick, Jr., and a step-son, Dr. Herbert LeMee. He has three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Riddick's Cleaners is a full-service laundry and dry cleaning business, with a drive-through providing added convenience for its customers; and

WHEREAS, although Mr. Riddick has seen a tremendous change in the neighborhood over the years, he says he is thankful. He believes that it is better working for yourself than someone else, and 50 years in the neighborhood has allowed him to make an impact. Even as the neighborhood has changed, he's been able to maintain a good rapport with the people who live there; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Riddick says his favorite part of his work is dealing with the public. He loves spending time on people. Truly, his customer service speaks for itself, as the majority of his business comes from regulars, including several remaining customers who have been coming to him now for 50 years. Even after people move out of the city, they continue to drive in from St. Louis County, Illinois, and even further out-of-state to have their dry cleaning done at Riddick's Cleaners in the 21st Ward.

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 achievements and accomplishments of Mr. Ken Riddick, Sr. and we thank him for his commitment 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 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 5th day of March, 2010 by:

Honorable Antonio D. French Alderman 21st Ward

Adopted this the 5th day of March, 2010 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen