

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 66**  
**Pastor Percy & Mother Castella Phillips, Jr.**

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Percy was born July 17, 1924 in Greenwood, Mississippi; and Mother Castella (Ewing) Phillips was born December 24, 1924 in Okalona, Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Percy and Mother Castella, at their own expense, fed and clothed the hungry and those without. They provided shelter, many homes to the homeless; bringing families together and paying all utilities and fully furnishing many of those homes; and

**WHEREAS**, they founded The Holy Temple Church of God In Christ over forty-one years ago. God's house, known for being open 7 days a week, a place of spiritual refuge for any and all running away from the sin; and

**WHEREAS**, built on a sure foundation, The Holy Temple Church of God in Christ will always remember their founders, Pastor Percy and Mother Castella Phillips, Jr., their perfect examples of the phrase "Behold the upright!"; and

**WHEREAS**, The Holy Temple, often accused of being open too late for the children, yet the church children graduated from high school. Many children were on the honor-roll and became college graduates. Again, to the concept of Christ, Pastor Percy and Mother Castella Phillips, Jr., always supported and encouraged the children, providing clothes for Easter, Christmas, and school all the way to graduation caps and gowns, helping change the course of their future; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Pastor Percy & Mother Castella Phillips, Jr. for their many achievements and accomplishments 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 12th day of June, 2009 by:

**Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderman 19th Ward**

Adopted this the 12th day of June, 2009 as attested by:

---

David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

---

Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen