

RESOLUTION NUMBER 178
Bishop Dr. Reginald C. Speed, Sr.

WHEREAS, Bishop Dr. Reginald C. Speed, Sr. serves as the Senior Pastor and shepherd of the True Gospel Temple Church, in Old North St. Louis. Bishop Speed is a native of St. Louis and born to Mr. & Mrs. James Speed Jr., he is the eldest of two children; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Speed was drafted into the United States Army during the Vietnam War, where he served until being honorably discharged in August 1968. He retired from the United States Postal Service, where he worked for Transportation Networks for 36 years; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Speed has been married to First Lady Armilia Speed for 41 years and they have two faithful children, Lakita Speed and Reginald C. Speed, Jr. She has one beautiful daughter-in-law, Darlene Speed, and three handsome grandsons, Donte' Speed, Armon Speed and Joshua Speed; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Speed graduated from Soldan High School and attended Forest Park Community College. His hunger and desire to be enriched intellectually and spiritually led Bishop Speed to attend Christian College. He graduated in May of 1979 with a Bachelor's of Arts Degree and in October 2006 he graduated from Shepherds School. In addition to providing leadership to the True Gospel Temple Church, Bishop Speed received his Honorary Doctoral Degree in the Ministry from Light of the World Redeemed Bible College and Institute in May 2007. He also received the Pastor's Outstanding Leadership Award from KXEN Radio Station in April 2007; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Speed is one who loves God and the people of God. He has served under many anointed men of God. He served under Bishop Daniel Bostick of 23rd and Delmar, now known as Bostick Temple. He served as Youth Director for the Sanders Ensemble, under the leadership of Pastor Robert Sanders before he was called to the ministry. Under the leadership of Bishop Chandler Owens, at Bostick Temple, he was ordained an Elder and was elevated to the position of Junior Pastor for the young people. He later served under Bostick Temple Pastor Carl Terrell; and

WHEREAS, in 1986 Bishop went to serve with his father-in-law, the late Bishop Augustus Holman Sr. Where he was elevated to the office of Assistant Pastor for the True Gospel Temple Church in 1986. He was Assistant Pastor until June 1995 when the mantle was passed to him upon the death of the beloved Bishop Holman. Bishop Speed has now pastored True Gospel Temple Church for the past 14 years where God had done a mighty work; and

WHEREAS, in 1997 God blessed Bishop Speed and the members of True Gospel Temple Church and later completed the building of a new Edifice in October 2005, to God be the Glory; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of First Lady Speed and Bishop Speed, True Gospel Temple goes into the community to witness and assist in feeding the hungry in Old North St. Louis. True Gospel Temple opened a center for individuals to obtain their GED and several individuals in the community have completed the program and received their GED.

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 accomplishments of Bishop Dr. Reginald C. Speed, Sr. 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 30th day of October, 2009 by:

Honorable April Ford-Griffin, Alderwoman 5th Ward

Adopted this the 30th day of October, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

