

RESOLUTION NUMBER 22

*WHEREAS*, we pause in our deliberations to note the untimely passing of longtime St. Louis resident, Pastor Seanes Boyce, Jr. on February 18, 2008; and

*WHEREAS*, Seanes Boyce, Jr. was born January 29, 1929 in Marvell, Arkansas. He was the second eldest of five children born to Seanes Boyce and Velma Wilbon. Both parents and three brothers, Raymond, James and Roosevelt preceded him in death; and

*WHEREAS*, he professed Christ at an early age, the old time way on the mourners' bench at Rush Ridge Missionary Baptist Church and was later baptized in Brewer's Lake, in Southwest Missouri; and

*WHEREAS*, he received his formal education in the public schools of Southeast Missouri. A Veteran of World War II, he spent two years in service for his country. He received a World War II Victory Medal and was honorably discharged from the United States Army Air Corp in January 1947; and

*WHEREAS*, he was united in holy matrimony to the late Velma Crawford. He was later joined in holy matrimony to Debroah Randle. On November 24, 1957 at the New Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Venice, Illinois, Reverend Seanes Boyce was ordained. His first sermon as Pastor was "I Must Work the Works of Him That Sent Me, While it is Day: The Night Cometh When No Man Can Work." John 9:4. Reverend Boyce was publicly ordained to the work of the ministry on May 28, 1961 by the New Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Venice, Illinois; and

*WHEREAS*, on September 13, 1971 Memorial Missionary Baptist Church in Saint Louis, Missouri extended a call to Reverend Boyce. On September 29, 1971 the Church received his acceptance letter and on the second Sunday in November 1971 Reverend Boyce preached his first sermon there; and

*WHEREAS*, under Pastor Boyce's dynamic leadership the church took on a new life, the membership increased and the church grew spiritually and financially. Pastor Boyce loved the Lord and was devoted to the church and its members. On November 11, 2007, Pastor Boyce celebrated 36 years as the Spiritual Leader of the Memorial Missionary Baptist Church; and

*WHEREAS*, he spent twenty years employed with the Granite City Army Depot and retired in 1991 from the Food and Drug Administration. During his civil service tenure he received numerous awards and citations as well as the Civil Service Award; and

*WHEREAS*, after a lingering illness, Pastor Boyce answered the Lord's call on Monday morning February 18, 2008 at his home. Pastor Boyce was and will always be an inspiration to all and leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Deborah; children, Mark, Tracie, Michael, Stacie and Mark II; one granddaughter; one brother, Reverend Andrew (Thelma) Boyce; special nieces, Vanessa and Loretha; numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and a host of friends and constituents.

*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 Pastor Seanes Boyce, Jr. to the citizens of the City of St. Louis and we join with his many friends in expressing our sorrow at his passing, 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 Boyce family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2008 by:

Honorable Bennice Jones King, Alderman 21<sup>st</sup> Ward

Adopted this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2008 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen