RESOLUTION NUMBER 269
Emeritus Reverend Cleo King

WHEREAS, Emeritus Reverend Cleo King was born on December 17, 1929 in West Point, Mississippi to Jasper and Mary Randel King. Both parents, five brothers, John, Willie, Eddie, Curtis and Moses; one sister, Mable G. Brown, and one grandson, Christopher T. King preceded him in death; and

WHEREAS, he was baptized at an early age and attended school in Mississippi. Cleo joined the U.S. Army and served in the Korean War and was honorably discharged in 1952. Reverend King received his Master's in Christian Behavior in the New Word Theological Seminary in June of 1994; and

WHEREAS, in 1952, he married Annie Bell Rice, who preceded him in death. To this union two children were born, Damita and Fernandez. He had two other children, Alvin and Harriet; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, Cleo met and married Ms. Earlie B. Johnson. To this union four children were born, DeFreitas, Ogreita, Everett and Angela; and

WHEREAS, Reverend King worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 35 years and as a Security Guard for Kroger for many years. He was a member of Union Tabernacle M.B. Church under the leadership of Reverend A. Springfield until his death; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Cleo King was crowned and served as a deacon for many years until he accepted his calling to the ministry on July 13, 1975, where he received his preacher's license and a certificate as an ordained minister on April 17, 1977; and

WHEREAS, Pastor King became the pastor of the Hopewell M.B. Church in East St. Louis, Illinois in 1979. After leaving Hopewell, he was lead by God to organize Siloam M.B. Church with his wife, four youngest children and Reverend and Sister John Bridgeforth; and

WHEREAS, Reverend King opened the church doors every Sunday night to help ministers preach God's word. Reverend King was known for starting on time and willing to help out. Reverend King was a member of the St. Louis Minister Alliance, where he was the financial secretary and then became the President. He also was a member of the St. Louis Pastor's Conference for many years where he was the financial secretary for Berean House; and

WHEREAS, Emeritus King served as Pastor of Siloam for twenty-five years until his health failed. Under his leadership, three deacons were crowned and four ministers were born and ordained. He received certificates in Best 1-V Christ Centered Counseling (Urge Control) January 14, 1993, and Best 1-11 Advanced Interactional Strategies August 17, 1991; and

WHEREAS, Pastor King departed this life on January 13, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. He leaves to cherish his memories: his loving wife for 46 years, Mrs. Earline King; three sons, Fernandez (Cereatha) of Arlington, Texas, Alvin Higginbottom and Pastor Everett (Michelle); five daughters, Damita, Harriet, DeFreitas, Ogreita and Angela (Reverend Charles, Jr.) Jones; three brothers, William (Sally), Morise (Mary) and Robert King; one sister, Ruby King of Chicago, Illinois; 14 grandchildren: Andre (Marni), Lashawna, India, Antwon, Jordan, Christian (Henry) McCulley, Erica, Natasha, Jazmine, Charnelle, Chasidy, Omina, Malik and Precious; 9 great-grandchildren; the Siloam Church family and a host of sister-in-laws, brother-in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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 Emeritus Reverend Cleo King 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 King family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 29th day of January, 2010 by:

Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward

Adopted this the 29th day of January, 2010 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney   Lewis E. Reed
Clerk, Board of Aldermen   President, Board of Aldermen