

RESOLUTION NUMBER 42

Mr. Willie Earl Adams

WHEREAS, we pause in our deliberations to note the passing of St. Louis resident, Willie Earl Adams; and

WHEREAS, Brother Willie Earl Adams known to most as “Crip” was born October 24 to the union of Arzell & Easter Marie Adams-Palmer (both preceded him in death) in Covington, Tennessee where he was born and raised by his paternal grandparents until the age of thirteen. He later moved to St. Louis with his parents and remained. Willie Adams was called home on May 15, 2012 at 9:05 a.m. in the comfort of his love ones; and

WHEREAS, Willie confessed his hope in Christ in 1979 under the leadership of Pastor Washington as a young man. It wasn’t until his later years that he joined Pentecostal Saints Tabernacle, where he was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost in Jesus’ Name. Brother Adams was a member of Pentecostal Saints Tabernacle under the leadership of Bishop James A. Stewart; and

WHEREAS, Willie was educated in the St. Louis Public Schools and continued his education by completing some levels of college but he went on to complete his trades in carpentry, electrical, and welding. “Crip” as most knew him, was a hard worker and handy man by nature. If it was broke he could fix it. No matter if it was a missing screw or a tuck-pointing job; he would get his crew together (including his daughter) or just work alone to get the job done, the correct way the first time. Up to the day of his departure, he was found still working with his hands smudged with tar; and

WHEREAS, one could never talk about Willie and not talk about “His Wife”, Sharon Diane Adams (who preceded him in death May 10, 2010). Willie and Sharon were grade school sweethearts and it continued through high school. They later married on February 5, 1972 and with this union they had four beautiful, smart, and loving daughters. Willie and Sharon’s lives revolved around their girls; and

WHEREAS, Willie Adams was a man who valued laughter and family. He loved to make things work. His heart was at ease if he could make someone smile. He could make you smile with his quick wit or his ability to fix an issue; and

WHEREAS, he was superman because in spite of his disabilities he still tuck-pointed and fixed roofs like the best in the industry. His daughters were blessed with an awesome mother and an amazing father.

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 Willie Earl Adams 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 Adams family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 8th day of June, 2012 by:

Honorable Samuel L. Moore Alderman 4th Ward

Adopted this the 8th day of June, 2012 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen