

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and achievements of the Reverend Nelson “Fuzzy” Thompson.

RESOLUTION NO. 18767, March 16, 2015

INTRODUCED BY Alfred Jordan, County Legislator

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Nelson L. “Fuzzy” Thompson, former President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Greater Kansas City and the retired pastor of Mason Memorial United Methodist Church, passed away January 11, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, for its first six years, the Urban Summit was conducted in connection with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, under the leadership of Reverend Thompson; and,

WHEREAS, Reverend Thompson received his Bachelor of Science in Education from Lincoln University, and his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry from St. Paul School of Theology; and,

WHEREAS, Reverend Thompson had a long history of community leadership including serving for 30 years as the executive director of the Martin Luther King Urban Center, Inc., and serving as Chairman of the Northwest Political Faction, President of the Urban

Ministries Council of Kansas City, President of the Black Clergy Committee, President of the Northeast Community Alliance, and Chairman of the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority; and,

WHEREAS, Reverend Thompson was involved in several international initiatives including participation in a delegation of ministers to conduct Easter services during the Iran hostage crisis, traveling to South Africa on a fact-finding mission at the invitation of Bishop Desmond TuTu and Nelson Mandela, and serving as an official observer for the first all-race elections held in South Africa; and,

WHEREAS, Reverend Thompson was a tireless advocate for civil rights causes, fighting against racism, inequality, and discrimination; and,

WHEREAS, Reverend Thompson is survived by his wife of 47 years, Cheryl C. (Love) Thompson; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature recognizes the life and extraordinary achievements of the Reverend Nelson "Fuzzy" Thompson, and extends its deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and colleagues.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Chief Deputy County Counselor


County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 18767 of March 16, 2015, was duly passed on March 16, 2015 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 9

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

3.16.15
Date


Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature