

## PROCLAMATION

## Happy 67<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Willie & Annie Finch!

**Whereas,** it has come to the attention of The Honorable Latresa Akins-Wells and the City of Forest Park, that the 6<sup>th</sup> of June is a special day for Willie and Annie Finch, and;

**Whereas:** Willie and Annie Finch were united in marriage on June 6, 1954, and are now celebrating their 67<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and;

**Whereas:** John is a retired truck driver, who loves to garden and frequently helps neighbors in need with his tractor and Annie is retired from the hospitality industry

Whereas: this marriage was blessed with seven children, Rodney, Angela, Stevie, John, Wanda, Kenya and Cheryl, and;

Whereas: Willie and Annie are doting grandparents thirteen grandchildren and doting great grandparents to fourteen great grandchildren

**Whereas:** Willie and Annie Finch spent approximately 65 years in the City of Forest Park and are one of the oldest African American families in the City of Forest Park and were instrumental in the desegregation of the City of Forest Park.

**Whereas:** Willie was one of the first African American men to coach an inter-racial baseball team in the City of Forest Park.

**Whereas:** the contributions of Willie of Annie have been monumental to the city and the longevity of their marriage can be considered an inspiration to all.

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,** I, Latresa Akins-Wells, by virtue of authority vested in me as Ward 4 Councilwoman, and on behalf of the remaining members of the Governing Body, join with their family, friends, and the community in extending best wishes on this their 67<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Councilmember Latresa Akins-Wells Ward 4