

**RESOLUTION OF RESPECTIN LOVING MEMORY OF
ROY GILLESPIE, SR. - DIRECTOR OF DISASTER RELIEF**

WHEREAS, Roy Gillespie, Sr. passed from this life on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, and Teamsters everywhere mourn his loss and remember his great work; and

WHEREAS, his life in the labor movement began in the Freight Industry as a member of Teamsters Local Union No. 600 and Joint Council 13; and

WHEREAS, after Hurricane Katrina in 2005 where he served as liaison between the Red Cross and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), his leadership in the Teamsters Disaster Relief Program was amplified. He later became known as the “Master of Disaster” and helped with every major natural disaster since then; and

WHEREAS, his other accomplishments include the appointment to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters’ Human Rights and Diversity Commission, and he served as President of the Teamsters National Black Caucus in St. Louis, MO Chapter; and

WHEREAS, he was an active, faithful and loyal member to the labor movement. He also served his community and city - always helping those in need giving generously of his time and expertise; and

WHEREAS, he was honored by the St. Louis, MO Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Metropolitan St. Louis, MO Urban League for his service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that at this 30th International Convention that we acknowledge the hard work and contributions that Brother Gillespie made to the labor movement, Teamsters Disaster Relief Fund, Human Rights and Diversity Commission and beyond.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution become a permanent part of Teamster history and that his expertise in recovery efforts serve as a model for decades to come.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that we commend and will forever remember our brother, Roy Gillespie, for his outstanding dedication and service to the members of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and his quintessential love for the labor movement across the United States of America.