

Resolution Number 73
Marlene Loveta Charles

WHEREAS, Marlene Loveta Charles was born to Harold and Maggie Tillis Caldwell on September 28, 1936 in St. Louis, Missouri where she was the oldest of “Maggie’s Girls”; and

WHEREAS, Marlene accepted Jesus Christ and was baptized on October 18, 1953 at Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. D.L. Langford. Marlene enjoyed attending church until her health began to fail and praised Him God at all time; and

WHEREAS, Marlene’s education experiences included Carr Elementary, Patrick Henry Elementary and Vashon High School where she graduated in 1954; and

WHEREAS, Marlene later pursued a career in nursing as a Licensed Practical Nurse inspiring four of her sisters and several of her nieces to pursue a career in nursing; and

WHEREAS, Marlene displayed her nursing talents at various places of employment including, St. Mary’s Hospital, City Hospital and Koch Hospital. She retired from Courtney Health Clinic her favorite place of employment in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Marlene Caldwell and James Marcus Charles were united in Holy Matrimony on May 9, 1958 and this union three children were born, Michelle, Marcus and Mersena. Marlene also became a foster parent to more than 40 children who benefitted from her love and guidance and she adopted six children, Jennifer, Denise, Francine, Jessica Ramona, and Raymond, and considered James, Ron, Betty, and Chris as her bonus children. She loved all her children unconditionally. Her husband James Marcus Charles preceded her in death; and

WHEREAS, Marlene loved to color in the coloring book, to read and was an exceptional speller. She crocheted, challenged crossword puzzles, painted figurines and watched the Bold and the Beautiful and was consumed by her latest addition Candy Crush; and

WHEREAS, Marlene was an active member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Zeta Sigma Chapter, Philo Club and she loved teasing band being around the Sigma Women and Men of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Marlene was an ordinary woman who led an extraordinary life, she met no strangers and children of all ages were attracted to her. The number of people who called her “Mom” cannot be counted. She looked forward to spending time with her family and friends and was always the center of attention; and

WHEREAS, Marlene transitioned and was called home on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 9:17 p.m. surrounded by family and friends. Her **STRONG** faith in God, respect for mankind and duty, love for people and strength to get through any trial or tribulation will be cherished by her devoted children; Michelle Pendleton, St. Louis; Marcus Charles (Andrea) Virginia Beach, Virginia; Mersena Clay, Jennifer Graham, Denise Bartlet, Francine McClain, Jessica McGee, Ramona Johnson, Ramond Starks, James Nance, Ron Bass, Betty and Christopher Graham; six **FAITHFUL** and **DEVOTED** sisters; Deloris Perry (Chicago Il), Jacqueline Smoots, Cecelia Selfe (Oscar), Betty Ringo, Arla Herman (Charles), and Judy Jamison (her first baby); two aunts Joann and Carrie Tillis; two sister in laws Flossie Batts (Euclid) and Anita Robinson; two brothers in law Theopolis Charles (Velma) and Cedric Charles. Fifteen Grandchildren; six great grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews, all of whom Marlene had a very special relationship with; cousins, godchild, Michelle Langston; very special friends, Era and Herbert Langston, Jane Clay, Ruth and Russell Miner, Janice Ratcliff, other relatives and friends that she treasured and last but not least her dog Lady.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Members of this Honorable Board of Aldermen join the sponsor of this resolution the Honorable Sharon Tyus in expressing their deepest sympathy to the family of Marlene Loveta Charles upon her passing and take time from conducting the business of the St. Louis City Board of Aldermen for a moment of silence in respect for Mrs. Charles passing; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of this Honorable Board of Aldermen be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution to present to the family of Marlene L. Charles at the appropriate time and place.

Introduced on the 6th day of June, 2014 by:

Honorable Sharon Tyus, Alderwoman 1st Ward

Adopted this the 6th day of June, 2014 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen