

Resolution Number 138
Mamie Zimmerman Dear

WHEREAS, we pause today to note the passing of Mamie Zimmerman Dear after 101 glorious years and offer condolences to her family; she was called to her reward on September 24, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Mamie Zimmerman Dear was born in Conway, Arkansas on August 29th, 1913; Mamie lived in Chicago, Illinois before moving to St. Louis where she lived the majority of her life; and

WHEREAS, Mamie loved music and used her musical talent throughout her life; as a young girl she played piano and sang at many conferences and churches in Arkansas, while in Chicago she received her Masters in Music from the University of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, after moving to St. Louis Mamie joined the Lane Tabernacle C.M.E. Church and was heavily involved with the music ministry; she organized the first Gospel Chorus at Lane and the first Mattie E. Coleman Youth Choir; and

WHEREAS, Mamie's musical talents kept her busy and in high demand. She taught vocal and piano lessons and was requested to sing at many funerals and other events; and

WHEREAS, Mamie was a successful business woman and a concerned community member; she worked tirelessly with politicians, local leaders, and her neighbors for the betterment of the 4300 block of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Mamie enjoyed watching things grow and was an avid gardener; her yard was as colorful and bright as she was; she won the 'Beautiful Yard' designation from the Urban League several times; and

WHEREAS, last but not least, Mamie was a "fashionista". She was always stylish in her dress and appearance; Mamie Dear was well known for her coordination of outfits, hats, shoes, and furs. She was a blessing to her family, friends, and many in the St. Louis community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to recognize and celebrate Mamie Zimmerman Dear and acknowledge her accomplishments and contributions to this City. 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 to the end that it may be presented to the family of Mamie Dear Zimmerman at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 30th day of September, 2014 by:

Honaorable Terry Kennedy, 18th Ward Alderman
Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen

Adopted this 30th day of September, 2014 as attested by

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen