

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 174**  
**Mr. Damon Dwight Lovett Jr.**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Damon Dwight Lovett Jr. was born on August 4, 1997 in Saint Louis, Missouri to Shayla Verges and Damon Lovett. Damon walked into the loving arms of GOD Wednesday, November 19, 2014, at the age of seventeen. Damon was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, the late Carolyn Smith; great grandmother, the late Yvonne Sharpe; and his best friend and cousin, Ryan James Thurman; and

**WHEREAS**, Damon had the wonderful experience of living in Orlando, Florida for two years, 2008 to 2010. He also had the privilege to attend an accelerated Middle School in which Tiger Woods' children also attended. Damon selected the trumpet as his extra curriculum activity along with skate boarding, swimming and hanging out with his new diverse group of friends. One friend in particular, Rico Goss, took Damon in as an older brother; and

**WHEREAS**, Damon found a new passion for videogames and programming, which he played intensely with his Uncle Chris on a weekend basis. Damon was also an avid lover of sports, although he never physically played any. He attended Gateway High School from 2012 to 2013, where he was an Air Force Cadet in ROTC before transferring to Northwest High School and Beaumont High School. From 2013 to 2014, Damon dedicated his life to the culinary arts and cooking gourmet dishes for his family to enjoy; and

**WHEREAS**, Damon will be greatly missed by everyone that knew him. He was the kind of young man that anyone would be proud to call their son, grandson and friend. Damon had a sarcasm and wit that was undeniable. He could make you cry, laugh and mad with his joking and debates on topics that stretched far and wide. Damon was truly the Brains of the operation, and Kayla was his Pinky; and

**WHEREAS**, Damon is survived by: his parents, Shayla Verges and stepfathers, Lavan Goods and Benjamin Randle; two little sisters, Kayla Miller and Kelsey Randle; great aunt, Paula Anderson, and great uncle Mark (Freda) Thurman; aunts, Danielle Kennedy and Tasha Lovett; uncles, Grayling Smith Jr., Christopher Smith, Aaron Verges, Stephon Verges and Demetrius Lovett; cousins, Tanera Curtis-Allen, Tanisha Ballard, Mark Thurman Jr., Mia Thurman and D'Angelo Monroe; along with numerous extended cousins and friends.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to remember Mr. Damon Dwight Lovett Jr. and we join with his many friends in expressing our sorrow at his passing, and 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 for presentation to the family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 28th day of November, 2014 by:

**Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22<sup>nd</sup> Ward**

Adopted this the 28th day of November, 2014 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen