

**Resolution Number 177**  
**Raoul Holman, Sr.**

**WHEREAS**, Raoul Holman, Sr. affectionately known as “Ray”, was born on December 27, 1935 in St. Louis, Mo to the union of Albert I. and Aileen (Dorsey) Holman. Ray was the eldest of five children. Ray’s wife, Norma J. Holman and his father preceded him in death; and

**WHEREAS**, Ray attended St. Louis Public Schools and later graduated from Sumner High School in 1954. He met the love of his life, Norma Jean (Howard) and they were married on September 23, 1956. To this union, three sons were born, Raoul Holman, Jr., Kevin A. Holman, and Andre’ Holman. Ray and Norma were married for fifty-seven wonderful years; and

**WHEREAS**, Ray confessed his hope in Christ at an early age and was baptized at Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church under the late Reverend George H. Pruitt; and

**WHEREAS**, Ray worked various job capacities early in his life. On February 14, 1966, Ray became one of the first African-Americans to join the Pipe fitters’ Union Local 562. Ray worked on many major job sites throughout the city of St. Louis which included the Ford Plant, Anheuser Busch and the Edward Jones Dome. After 32 years in construction work, working as a journeyman pipe fitter and welder, he earned the right to retire on February 14, 1998. Ray’s true passion was remodeling his home for Norma and the kids, from extending the kitchen, the bedroom, family room to building a play house for the grand kids to a water fountain in the back yard; and

**WHEREAS**, Ray and Norma attended all of the many activities in which their boys participated. They would travel to many cities to support their sons as well as supporting and encouraging their teammates and friends as well. Raoul and Norman were strong supporters of the Royal Knights organization, Northwest High School, Southwest High School and Sumner High School following their sons in all their endeavors. They continued their support of their sons as coaches at the Herbert Hoover Boys Club. Raoul and Norman cheered their children and grand-children as the years went by; and

**WHEREAS**, Ray and Norma had a love for entertaining. Ray and Norma were a joy to all that came in contact with them. Ray enjoyed hosting parties for Super Bowl Sunday. His favorite all time team was the Dallas Cowboys. He enjoyed going to the Kappa House for Jazz events with his love Norma; and

**WHEREAS**, Ray went on to be with the Lord and his darling wife, a day after he and Norma would have celebrated their fifty-eight wedding anniversary on Wednesday, September 24, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Ray leaves to cherish his amazing memories of life, his three loving and devoted sons: Raoul Jr., Kevin A., and Andre (Felecia); mother, Aileen Holman; two sisters, Janice (Kennard) Jones and Kanionette (Leonard) Smith; two brothers, Anthony M. Holman, and Lansing L. (Anita) Holman; one sister-in-law, Delores Jamison; six grandchildren, Ciara, Deaja, Kevin Jr., DeAngelo, Dominique, and Danielle Holman; two uncles, Finis Dorsey and Raymond (Thelma) Dorsey; two aunts, Charlene and Betty Dorsey; fifteen nieces and nephews, Denise Jackson (George), Brenda Jamison, Wanda Jamison, Jillisa Jones, Gregory Howard, Michael Jamison, Anthony Holman, Vincent Holman, Corwyn Holman, Tarig (Kim), Austin Holman, Kennard Jones, and Leonard Smith; two god-children, Ebony Barrett and Chloe Davis; and a host of great nieces, great nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to remember the many contributions of Raoul Holman, Sr. to the citizens of the City of St. Louis and we join with her many friends in expressing our sorrow at her 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 Holman family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor

Introduced on the 5th day of December, 2014 by:

**Honorable Dionne Flowers, Alderwoman 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward**

Adopted this the 5th day of December, 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