

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 248**  
**Jessie Mae Ousley-Crumpton**

**WHEREAS**, we pause in our deliberations to note the untimely passing of St. Louis resident, Jessie Mae Ousley-Crumpton; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 19, 2015, Jessie Mae Ousley-Crumpton passed away at Delmar Gardens on the Green, with her husband, son and daughter by her side. Her life was similar to others, she loved God and her family, and tried to give more to the community than she received; and

**WHEREAS**, she also loved New City School, and from 1975 to 1993 she devoted her life to kids, all kids; and

**WHEREAS**, she desperately wanted her own children to have a unique learning experience, one that would foster our curiosities, inspire a love of learning and give them an educational advantage in the St. Louis area. But in the '70s and '80s, she could not afford a private school education, so Jessie decided to volunteer in the library at New City School to help reduce the tuition cost. The librarian-volunteer blossomed and eventually became the administrative assistant to Thomas Hoerr, Head of Schools at New City. Jessie was the comforter, healer and the “Baby it’s gonna be alright,” mom for her children and all the children at New City School; and

**WHEREAS**, New City School is an independent private school that was founded in the Central West End of St. Louis, Missouri in 1969. This progressive school capitalizes on each child's individual strengths through an integrated Multiple Intelligences curriculum. New City prepares children, age three through grade six, to be confident, joyful learners who are successful academically, knowledgeable about themselves and others, and who value diversity; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1992, Jessie was stricken with Multiple Sclerosis and soon thereafter retired from the place she so loved.

**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 Jessie Mae Ousley-Crumpton 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 Ousley-Crumpton family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 27th day of February, 2015 by:

**Honorable Samuel L. Moore Alderman 4th Ward**

Adopted this the 27th day of February, 2015 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