

**Resolution Number 8**  
**Ethel Jean Walker**

*WHEREAS*, we have been appraised that Ethel Jean Walker is celebrating her 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday; and

*WHEREAS*, Ethel was born on May 5, 1933 in Little Rock, Arkansas, the only child of Leonard and Lillian Williams; and

*WHEREAS*, at the age of 9 months, Ethel parents moved her to St. Louis, Mo and raised her on the south side of the city on Papin Street; and

*WHEREAS*, Ethel was educated in the St. Louis Public School system. She attended L'Ouverture Middle School and Washington Technical School. She later pursued a career in floral design where she displayed her talents for weddings, church ceremony, and events; and

*WHEREAS*, in 1947 Ethel met and fell in love with Henry Leroy Walker and married him March 9, 1950. With this union seven children were born: Melvin, Doris, Janet, Valerie, Darlene, Sandra, Keith; and

*WHEREAS*, in 1952, Ethel and Henry relocated from the south side of St. Louis to the north side at 2933 Montgomery Street, where they proudly raised their family for 56 years until redevelopment occurred in 2007; and

*WHEREAS*, in 1957, they joined the North Galilee Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Mack Mills; Pastor William G. Randle and presently under the leadership of Jerrell Montgomery and have been faithful members for 48 years. Ethel was a member of the church choir. She also help organized and supervised the children's choir until 2009. She currently serves on the Mother's Board as President and has been till this day; and

*WHEREAS*, Ethel enjoys spending time with family and friends. She is an ordinary woman who lives an extraordinary life. She has been an inspiration to so many children in the neighborhood and at her church. The number of people who called her "**Mom**" or "**Madea**" can not be counted. There are not enough words to describe the character of this great woman! If we had to borrow a few, we would describe her as a God-fearing, precious, gracious child of the most High, a devoted wife, an outstanding mother, a loving grandmother, great grandmother and an awesome friend.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to wish Mrs. Ethel Jean Walker a very happy 82nd Birthday 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 commemorative copy for presentation to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 1st day of May, 2015 by:

**Honorable Tammika Hubbard, Alderwoman 5<sup>th</sup> Ward**

Adopted this 1st day of May, 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