

RESOLUTION NO. 17
Willie Lee and Evelyn Lee Haynes

WHEREAS, Willie Lee and Evelyn Lee Haynes will celebrate their 75th Wedding Anniversary on May 29, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Willie Lee Haynes was born on February 28, 1925, in Tupelo, Mississippi; Evelyn Lee Rodgers was born on December 29, 1924, in Okolona, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Willie and Evelyn met at a religious program in Shannon, Mississippi; it was “LOVE” at first sight; they were married on May 29, 1942, in Tupelo, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Willie Lee Haynes served in the United States Army from 1943 to 1946; he served overseas in World War II; Mrs. Evelyn Lee Haynes relocated to Saint Louis, Missouri in 1944; Willie joined her after returning home from the military in 1946; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Willie Haynes, Sr. attended barber school after returning home from the military; he became a skilled barber and successful businessman; “Haynes Barber Shop” was located in the City of Saint Louis, Missouri; he was a barber to hundreds of customers for 55 years; he became semi-retired in 2004; currently, at the age of 92 he still remains active and the “preferred” barber to a few loyal customers and family members; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Evelyn Haynes attended nursing school in Cleveland, Ohio; she returned to Saint Louis with her specialized training and talents, and worked for the City of Saint Louis as a nurse for over 21 years; after retiring as an employee of the City of Saint Louis, she continued working as a nurse and caregiver in private practice for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. & Mrs. Willie and Evelyn Haynes have been faithful members of the West End Gospel Hall in Saint Louis, Missouri, for over 50 years; Mr. Willie Haynes serves as Elder; and

WHEREAS, Willie and Evelyn are proud parents of 2 children, Willie Lee Haynes, Jr. (deceased) and Yvonne Haynes-Rivers; they are also parents to daughter-in-law, Sarah, and son-in-law, Oliver; in addition they are grandparents to 6 adult grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and 8 great-great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Willie and Evelyn have been residents of the City of Saint Louis for over 73 years; they purchased their first home on Goodfellow Boulevard in 1972, where they currently reside; they have been residents of the 27th ward for over 45 years; and

WHEREAS, Willie and Evelyn are the matriarchs of the Saint Louis “Haynes” family; they are “Uncle Willie & Aunt Evelyn” to their many nieces and nephews; they are always ready to lend a hand or offer great wisdom and advice; they have always been a strong tower of strength and support; there are many fond memories including numerous family reunions, bus trips, family gatherings, Uncle Willie’s famous homemade ice cream and Aunt Evelyn’s one of kind famous green beans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. & Mrs. Willie & Evelyn Haynes are celebrating 75 years of marriage and love that still continues to blossom; they have lived their lives with great dignity and genuine grace; they have touched the lives of their family and many friends through the shining example of their marriage which is a testament to the devotion and admiration which they possess for one another.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate Willie Lee and Evelyn Lee Haynes on their 75 years of wedded bliss. 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 to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 19th day of May, 2017, by:

The Honorable Pamela Boyd, Alderwoman 27th Ward

Adopted this 19th day of May, 2017, as attested by:

Donna Evans-Booker
Assistant Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen