

**Resolution Number 97**  
**Edna Coleman**

**WHEREAS**, we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor Edna Coleman on the occasion of her retirement as pre-school teacher from Lafayette Park United Methodist Church after 30 years of service; and

**WHEREAS**, Edna taught and created a love of learning to hundreds of children who will grow up, maybe not remembering her name, but always remembering the feeling of love and safety they experienced in her care; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to teaching ABC's, and 123's, Edna taught them how to spell their names, she threw countless holiday parties, and gave away free hugs each and everyday to her very young, sometimes frightened, students; and

**WHEREAS**, Edna was also a great listener; she stood up for young mothers, sharing wise words of wisdom, showing encouragement, and inspiring them to follow in her footsteps: teaching their children about love and faith; and

**WHEREAS**, pre-school teachers are special and Edna was no exception; she let kids ring bells with reckless abandon (no earplugs), she took them on Treasure hunts dressed as a pirate, read them books, and kissed their boo-boos. She's dried away countless tears, wiped noses and bottoms, and created life-long friendships with dozens of parents and children; Edna made a difference; and

**WHEREAS**, now it is time for Edna to relax and enjoy her memories of baking pies for the annual harvest party, impromptu parades around the building, moving furniture, welcoming new families, and the thousands of free hugs she received over the last thirty years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to join with Edna Coleman's family and friends as we wish her peace and happiness in her retirement. 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014 by:

**Honorable Christine Ingrassia, Alderwoman 6th Ward**  
**Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen**

Adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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