

**Resolution Number 105**  
**Francis Ronald “Rahn” Ramey**

**WHEREAS**, Francis Ronald "Rahn" Ramey entered into eternal rest on Sunday, June 9, 2013 in Marrero, Louisiana ; and

**WHEREAS**, Francis Ronald "Rahn" Ramey was the fourth child of seven born January 5, 1957 to Charles and Lena Davis Ramey in St. Louis, Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, at an early age Francis Ronald Ramey professed his belief in Christ at Christ Lutheran Church in St. Louis. He loved music and displayed his talent in the church as an active acolyte and singing in the children's choir and later played bass guitar for the Corpus Christi-Epiphany Church in New Orleans; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald attended St. Louis Public Schools, graduating from Roosevelt High School and matriculated to Washington University. He was a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, “Rahn” was an award winning comedian that kept his fans laughing for over thirty years. He started his career at the Old Bilbo Baggins Comedy Club and also performed at Maurice's Gold Coast and the Funny Bone Comedy Club. Rahn was the opening act for numerous celebrities including Smokey Robinson, Luther Vandross, Al Jarreau, Aretha Franklin, B.B. King, and Randy Travis before moving on to cable television, the club circuits and concert venues nationwide; and

**WHEREAS**, “Rahn” Ramey won the New Faces showcase at the Montreal Comedy Festival and later wrote comic routines for Drew Carey (of The Price is Right) and John Henton (of Living Single). His television appearances included HBO Comedy Relief, An Evening at the Improv, the Comedy Club Network and BET Comic View. “Rahn” also appeared in several films during his career; and

**WHEREAS**, those left to celebrate his life and cherish his memories are his loving and supportive wife, Nelita; daughters, Samantha, Leslie and son, Shaun; siblings, Jeri Ramey-Young, Lynne Ramey -Hardin, Stephanie, Charles, Stanley, and Courtland (Elaine) Ramey; nieces and nephews, Crystal, Charles, Stephanie, Niles, Maxwell, April Young, Bianca Hardin and a host of other relatives, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends whose lives he impacted and who also made an impact on his life.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to remember the accomplishments of Francis Ronald “Rahn” Ramey and reflect on the joy he brought to so many 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 to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 2nd day of August, 2013 by:

**Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen**

Adopted this the 2nd day of August, 2013 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