

RESOLUTION NUMBER 146

Doris Wilson

WHEREAS, we pause in our deliberations to note the passing of lifelong St. Louis resident, Doris Wilson; and

WHEREAS, Doris Prag Wilson beloved wife, mother and friend, died peacefully at the age of 74, on October 18 2013, following an 8 month struggle with cancer; and

WHEREAS, she is survived by her husband of 49 years, James J. Wilson, her children, Kathleen Wilson, Sharon Wilson Geno, Julia Wilson Pendleton, James M. Wilson, and Laura Wilson Hoefler; her son-in-laws and daughter-in-law, Jason Geno, Michael Pendleton, Tabitha Wilson and Michael Hoefler, and by her beloved grandchildren, Anna and Adam Pendleton, Olivia and Elise Geno, Sophia, Ella and Colin Wilson and Ava Hoefler. She is also survived by her brother, James (Carol) Prag. She was preceded in death by her brother Thomas S. Prag, S.J.; and

WHEREAS, Doris grew up near Carondelet Park in South St. Louis, the only daughter of Severin and Helen Prag. She attended St. Stephen the Promartyer School, St. Elizabeth Academy and was the first graduate of the Deaf Education Department at Fontbonne College. Following graduate work at Northwestern University, she taught at St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf before leaving her career to raise her five children; and

WHEREAS, Doris was a selfless volunteer who used her impeccable organizational skills to support the fundraising efforts of various organizations including Habitat for Humanity È St. Louis, Fontbonne Community Connection, St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf, Cor Jesu Academy, and St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, among others. She always preferred behind the scenes roles, not wanting to draw attention to herself in any way; and

WHEREAS, Doris traveled around the world having visited all seven continents and virtually all of the 50 states. She led an active lifestyle which included hiking, playing competitive tennis and daily walks around Francis Park. In addition, she enjoyed crossword puzzles, gardening, and following local sports teams, especially the St. Louis Cardinals; and

WHEREAS, far and away, Doris's greatest joy was in being a devoted mother and grandmother. She could always be counted on for a story, a treat or a hug by any grandchild who needed one.

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 Doris Wilson 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 Wilson family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 1st day of November, 2013 by:

Honorable Donna Baringer, Alderwoman 16th Ward

Adopted this the 1st day of November, 2013 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen