

## **Resolution No. 160**

### **Celebration of Life Marguerite Scott**

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Marguerite Scott was born in St. Louis, Missouri on October 7, 1939, to parents Lucille Matherson and Paul Body. She was the youngest of four siblings Gilbert, Allene and Morris each preceding her in death. At the age of four, her mother passed away and she and her siblings were raised by her great Aunt Ada Smith who Marguerite referred to as her “MOMMA-her “north star and guiding light”; and

**WHEREAS**, Marguerite and Henry Scott were united in holy matrimony on September 6, 1958, at Westside Missionary Baptist Church in Saint Louis. She was introduced to Henry by her childhood best friend (and future sister-in-law) Delores Scott in her teen years and Marguerite and Henry were inseparable from that time on. They enjoyed sixty wonderful years of marriage. From this union they were blessed with two children, Brian and Tracy (Brian preceding her in death) and two grandchildren Nicholas and Sydney; and

**WHEREAS**, Marguerite attended and graduated from Cupples Elementary School and Sumner High School and continued her post-secondary education at Forest Park Community College. Marguerite worked as an Administrator for the City of St. Louis’ Treasurers Office. For many years, Marguerite enjoyed an active philanthropic and social life touching the lives of many individuals with whom she met. Marguerite was active in various civic and social organizations, and was a free spirit who individually helped wherever she was needed; and

**WHEREAS**, Marguerite cherished her family. She enjoyed a happy, playful and nurturing relationship with her beloved Henry: after the birth of their children, she lovingly called him "DADDY" and he called her "MOMMA", nicknames which endured throughout their marriage. As children, Brian and Tracy affectionately called Marguerite "BUCKET" a nickname she originally rejected, but ultimately embraced and enjoyed. In addition to being called "MAMA SCOTT" by countless friends of Brian and Tracy, Marguerite was also affectionately referred to as "AUNT FABULOUS" by several nieces and nephews; and

**WHEREAS**, Marguerite enjoyed traveling domestically and to Canada with her beloved husband. She also traveled with friends to Spain, Morocco and Ghana; however, after 911 she decided to keep herself at home. Marguerite loved all types of music and had a beautiful singing voice. She was a member of the Sumner High School Choir and was the lead singer in an all-girl singing trio in her teen years. Though the group enjoyed performing in local talent shows, Marguerite’s bashful nature prevented her from continuing in the group. She thoroughly enjoyed sharing her musical discoveries with her children and friends; her taste ranged from R&B and Folk to Classical and Broadway musicals. Marguerite demonstrated her love of creativity and exploration by sharing in Brian’s creative writing and journalism career and living vicariously through Tracy’s numerous adventure travels around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, To cherish her memory she leaves her life-partner and husband, Henry, who she saw as her protector and best friend; her loving daughter, Tracy (Curtis); devoted grandson, Nicholas; steadfast granddaughter, Sydney; her "sister from another mother" and best friend, Gianis Sandhu and Gianis's entire family; her surviving relatives: cousins who were reared as her siblings; Pat, Yvonne, Bill and Chris; nieces and nephews from her siblings, Reon, Sheena, Philandus, Weldon, Fanita, Marnique, Arleta, and Myron; brothers-in-law Rudolph and Harold along with their families, sons and daughters-in-law; and extended family members and lifelong friends.

**NOWHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to celebrate and commemorate the life, commitment to others, and the many contributions to the City of St. Louis of Marguerite Scott, and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the permanent 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of October 2018, by:

The Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26<sup>th</sup> Ward

Adopted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October 2018, as attested by: