

## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 188**

### **Mother Edna King**

**WHEREAS**, Mother Edna King was born January 8, 1918, to Cassie Lee and Emily Hodge in Cow Lake, Arkansas; after her mother died when Ms. King was 2 years old, she was raised by her grandmother, Tommie Lee McCallister; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. King trained at Poro Beauty School, O'Fallon Technical, Forest Park Junior College, Moody Bible School, C.H. Mason Bible College, nursing school, and New World Bible Institute, from all of which she earned certifications or degrees; and for more than 20 years, she was a professional businesswoman who owned a beauty salon, which she also used as a venue to win many souls to the Kingdom; and

**WHEREAS**, in August 1946, John and Edna King were united in Holy Matrimony; to this union one son, Elihu King, and two daughters, Kathryn and Sharon, were born; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1947, Mother King came to St. Louis and joined the Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church; however a saint from a Church of God In Christ invited her to a "hot fire" revival at Williams Temple Church of God in Christ located at 3032 Market Street; during that "hot fire" three-month revival, she was saved, baptized, and filled with the Holy Ghost; and

**WHEREAS**, Mother King worked in many capacities during her membership at Williams Temple; she was a Sunday School teacher for the young men's class ages 10-13 for many years; she served as a licensed missionary, an Evangelist, President of the Minister Wives, and established the Moody Bible Class; she led the daily 9 a.m. prayer, was a member of the Jurisdictional Missionary Licensing Examination board, was an Assistant District Missionary to Mother Levella Otis and later District Missionary to Supt. Samuel White, and a member of the Williams Temple Mothers Board; and in January 2007, she joined the Midnight Prayer Team; for nearly 70 years, she was a pillar and rock to the ministry of Williams Temple; and

**WHEREAS**, her husband of 42 years, Elder John King, preceded her in death; her only brother, Cassie Cornelius Hodge, and her only sister, Barbara Joy Garner, also preceded her in death, as did two of her sons-in-law, Michael Phillips and Elder Jessie Bruce; and

**WHEREAS**, she leaves to cherish her memories one son and two daughters, Elihu (Dollie) King of Richmond, Va., Kathryn King, and Sharon Phillips (Thomas) Williams; 18 grandchildren; 56 great grandchildren; and three great great grandchildren.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Saint Louis that we pause in our deliberations to remember Mother Edna King. 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's family at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 22nd day of January, 2016, by:

**The Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward**

Adopted this 22nd day of January, 2016, as attested by:

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Tim O'Connell  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen