

RESOLUTION No. 214
HONORING CATHERINE LEE

WHEREAS, Catherine Lee was born on Sunday, November 1, 1936 in Macon, Mississippi to Johnny Lee and Annie Bell Lee. She was the second oldest of four daughters and as a teenager, Catherine met the love of her life, Sidney Haynes, Jr. in Macon, Mississippi where they were united in holy matrimony on Christmas Day, December 25, 1955. Together, they would relocate to Saint Louis, Missouri and start their family. God blessed their union with six beautiful children; and

WHEREAS, Catherine received her formal education in Macon, Mississippi, a proud graduate of Macon High School. She attended Harris Stowe Teachers College, afterwards beginning a life-long career in education. She worked both in the public and private school sector as an educator and social worker. Catherine later opened her own in-home daycare, Haynes Homecare. It was her God given talent and calling in life to guide, nurture, educate and protect the countless number of students and neighborhood children who would walk through her front door; and

WHEREAS, Catherine confessed a hope in Christ at an early age. She was baptized and became a member of New Hope United Methodist Church in Macon, Mississippi. After relocating to Saint Louis, she and her husband joined Starlight M.B. Church under the leadership of the late Reverend Henry Ousley. In 1974, she moved her membership to Christ Pilgrim Rest M.B. Church under the leadership of the late Reverend Dr. Elmer Mitchell. Catherine served faithfully as a Sunday school teacher, supervisor of the Health Unit, member of the Usher's and Health Unit Alliance and wherever her service and talents were needed; and

WHEREAS, Catherine was an active Citizen of St. Louis during the 1970's serving in the "Mother's Club" of the Herbert Hoover Boy's Club, serving as President of the Maconite Scholarship Organization for 14 years and a loyal and devoted member for several decades more. Catherine joined the Order of Eastern Star Frances L. Richardson Chapter # 119 on May 1, 1995 and served as Worthy Matron from 2002 to 2003; and

WHEREAS, Catherine loved traveling anytime she could. She kept an immaculate home and was an avid cook. She was best known for her famous chicken and dumplings, fried corn, caramel cakes and lemon pies. Catherine had a "green thumb" with plants and flowers that was simply amazing. She gave her plants "nine lives" and was always eager to share her secrets of how she cared for and created longevity with her numerous gardens; and

WHEREAS, Catherine loved her family and extended family unconditionally. In them she has left a legacy of love, strength, compassion and peace. Affectionately known as "MeMe" to those who knew her best. She was a mother and mentor to so many. Her relationship was customized and tailor made for everyone she knew. MeMe was outspoken, straight to the point, a tell-it-like it is kind of person. She gave unfiltered practical advice and guidance to live by; and

WHEREAS, in the early hours of Tuesday, January 23, 2018, God desired another rose for his garden, and he chose "Catherine". Catherine was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. Precious memories of Catherine (MeMe) will be forever cherished by her loving

children, Kenneth (Sandra) Haynes, Delnita Haynes-Black, Kelvin Haynes, Sidney (Regina) Haynes, Dorcas Haynes and Donna Haynes-Cole, 18 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren. 3 sisters, Marjorie Dantzler, Irene Lee, Johnnie Mae (Alton Sr.) Davis. 2 brothers-in law, RC (Stella) Haynes and Bennie C. Haynes, 1 sister-in-law, Iola Morgan. 3 Godchildren, Kizzy White, Cynthia Colvin, and Gary McClendon, 2 special friends, Varrie McCain and Ella Jones-Tinnon, many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Members of this Honorable Board of Aldermen pause in our deliberations to join the sponsors of this resolution in expressing their deepest heartfelt sympathy upon the passing Catherine Lee Haynes and instructs the Clerk of this Honorable Board of Aldermen to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution to be presented to her family at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsors.

Introduced on this 2nd day February, 2018 by:

The Honorable Sharon Tyus, Alderwoman 1st Ward

Adopted this 2nd day of February 2018 as attested by:

Donna Booker Evans
Assistant Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen