

RESOLUTION NUMBER 49

Nancy Latchison

WHEREAS, we pause in our deliberations to note the passing of longtime St. Louis resident, Mrs. Nancy Latchison. She passed away on Wednesday, May 20, 2009. Her funeral is on Saturday, May 30, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at Solomon Temple Baptist Church, located at 4859 St. Louis Avenue in St. Louis, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Ratliff was born July 8, 1929 in Macon City, Mississippi to James and Rabirda Ratliff. She was nurtured and raised in a loving family into the woman we came to know. Nancy was the tenth of twelve children, six sisters and five brothers have preceded her in death. Nancy was educated in the public school system. She also obtained training in the medical field; and

WHEREAS, Nancy was converted at an early age. Nancy began serving the Lord by visiting the sick and the elderly. She took in and cared for the sick by making available rooms in her home and rendered care. Nancy led many church devotions as well as opening her doors to house prayer meetings conducted with the late Missionary Lola Davidson; and

WHEREAS, Nancy was united in Holy Matrimony to Sam Latchison, Jr. To this union, nine children were born. Sam preceded her in death. In 1957, the family moved to St. Louis, Missouri where they made Calvary Temple C.O.G.I.C., their church home under the leadership of the late Elder Joseph Latchison. She later moved her membership to Shiloh Temple C.O.G.I.C. under the late Superintendent W.W. Sanders. Then she moved on to Martin Temple C.O.G.I.C. under the late Superintendent Gus Martin. She remained under the leadership of Elder Charles Williams. The church name was changed to Martins Paradise Temple C.O.G.I.C. Nancy's life was spent in grooming her children to be used in the service of the Lord through prayer, training, teaching, but most of all living a Christian life; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Latchison had a love for flowers. She was often referred to and earned the name "Rose." She had 30 years serving the City of St. Louis by custom designing floral arrangements, as well as, landscaping. Nancy donated cut flowers every Sunday to church from her very own flower gardens which were as beautiful as the Botanical Gardens. Nancy designed and arranged each flower bed differently using various arrays of beautiful colors of all types. Nancy also was an interior designer, her home was as beautiful inside as the outside. Nancy celebrated her birthday yearly by inviting all her family and friends over for a wonderful birthday bash. Nancy was loved by everyone; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Latchison first moved to the Third Ward on May 13, 1969.

WHEREAS, three children preceded Nancy in death, Jerry, Charles Ray and Sandra Latchison. Nancy leaves to cherish her memories six children: Cathy, Casey, Linda, Terry, Michelle and Michael; One stepson, Louis, his wife, Barbara; one stepdaughter, Loraine Fenster; one goddaughter, Shyrah Stay; three sister-in-laws: Robert Lee, Pearline and Shirley; 19 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Furthermore, she leaves five special friends: Mrs. Mosella Washington, Pauletta Freeman, Dorothy Nevils, Sister Nadine Rice and Alderman Freeman Bosley, Sr.

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 Mrs. Nancy Latchison 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 Latchison family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 29th day of May, 2009 by:

Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr., Alderman 3rd Ward

Adopted this the 29th day of May, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

