

RESOLUTION NUMBER 10
Ernest and Marie Bailey

WHEREAS, Ernest Bailey was born January 7, 1935, in Canalou, Missouri, to Samuel and Eula Bailey; and

WHEREAS, Marie Bradley was born December 5, 1937, in Bassett, Arkansas, to James and Mattie Bell Bradley; and

WHEREAS, in 1952, the Bradleys relocated to Risco, Missouri, some 25 miles away from Canalou; and, months later, Ernest and Marie crossed paths and became friendly associates; and

WHEREAS, one spring day in 1955, Ernest was playing baseball, and Marie showed up to the game; all of the guys yelled out, "Here comes Marie Bozo"; Ernest looked over and was so mesmerized by her that a ball hit him in the eye and knocked him to the ground; he got up, dusted himself off, grabbed his swollen eye and thought to himself, "She is going to be my girl"; weeks later he made his move; and

WHEREAS, in late March of 1956, he asked Mr. Bradley for Marie's hand in marriage, and he received the Bradleys' blessing; they were married on April 21, 1956; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, Ernest relocated his family of seven to St. Louis, Missouri; nine years later, in August of 1970, the family of eight purchased their home on Mimika Avenue, where they currently reside 45 years later; Ernest and Marie have been blessed with a total of six children, 12 grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren (and counting); and

WHEREAS, Ernest and Marie are celebrating 60 years of marriage and a love that has continued to blossom; together, they have found a friendship, raised a family, and built a beautiful marriage along the way; it is truly a testament to the 60 years they have shared; and

WHEREAS, it is right that we celebrate their great union; they truly are two flames still aglow.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate Ernest and Marie Bailey on their 60th Anniversary. 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 to the end that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

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

The Honorable Chris Carter, Alderman 27th Ward

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

Timothy G. O'Connell
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen