

Resolution Number 44

Carolyn Ross Shepherd

WHEREAS, Carolyn Ross Shepherd, an Arkansan by birth, is the eldest of twelve children born to the late Junius and Minnie Pearl Ross, the widow of the late Charles William Shepherd and devoted mother of her children, Joseph (Cherry), Charlyn, and Cherise (Peter), daughter-in-law Valencia, grandson Jason, and great-granddaughter Diaz; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn, influenced by her mother's love of music, mastered and excelled in music beginning at an early age. Those early special experiences helped Carolyn in honing her God given gifts in music; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn, now a retired educator, earned her Bachelor of Science degree in music education and voice from A. M. & N. College, (University of Arkansas), Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and earned a Master of Arts in teaching from Webster University, Webster Groves, Missouri and taught music at all levels in elementary education in Arkansas and Missouri as a public school educator; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn and her family were members of Jamison Memorial Christian Methodist Episcopal Church where she used her gifts and talents to the glory of God, serving in the Music Department over forty years as a member of the Chancel Choir, musician, and Director of Music, and served in many other support and leadership capacities to several ministries. She is now a member of Coleman-Wright CME Church, where she continues to be involved in several ministries; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn has served the Women's Missionary Society faithfully at all levels in the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church from 1983 to 201. She has received numerous awards and recognitions for her accomplishments, including the *Women's Missionary Council CME Church Pauline B. Grant Status of Women Who's Who Certificate of Recognition For Exemplary Service, Leadership in the Our Church, Community and Our World in June, 2011 in Schaumburg, Illinois*; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn has worked serving her community on both a local and national level, as a volunteer in the Hazelwood School District and at Keeven Elementary School in several roles and she is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn was appointed Director of Music for the Southeast Missouri, Illinois, and Wisconsin Region of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in 1979; and was appointed Saint Louis District Director of Music in 1987, and was appointed the Third Episcopal District Director of Music in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn has been named the Director of Music Emeritus of the Third Episcopal District and the Southeast Missouri-Illinois-Wisconsin Region by Bishop Paul A. G. Stewart, Sr., and Saint Louis District of the C.M.E. Church by Presiding Elder Q. H. Whitlock, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn is loved and revered by the members of the St. Louis District Choir, who celebrate her, her accomplishments and her dedication to making worship more meaningful through excellent quality music.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and thank Carolyn Ross Shepherd for her many contributions to the St. Louis Community, and we 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 at a time and place deemed appropriate by her.

Introduced on the 17th day of May, 2013 by:

Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderman 19th Ward

Adopted this the 17th day of May, 2013 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen