

RESOLUTION NUMBER 60
Jessie Dorothy Griswold-Preston

WHEREAS, we pause in our deliberations to note the untimely passing of longtime St. Louis resident, Jessie Dorothy Griswold-Preston; and

WHEREAS, Jessie Dorothy Griswold-Preston was born to the late Preston and Annie Sue Griswold. Jessie's siblings Clyde, Everett, Allean, Robert, Hilda and Jefferson preceded her in death; and

WHEREAS, she was educated in the St. Louis Public School System. She attended Dunbar Elementary School and graduated from Vashon High School in 1943. She continued her education and graduated from Tucker Business College and St. Louis University College; and

WHEREAS, at an early age, she confessed a hope in Christ and was baptized at Calvary Baptist Church. She married Louis Wesley Preston and then joined St. John AME Church. She served a term as the Lay Organization President at St. John AME; and

WHEREAS, Jessie had many great accomplishments. She retired from the US Federal Government after 30 years of service as an Inventory Managements Specialist. She received many promotions and awards. She also worked at the Carver House as a secretary. She held positions as PTA president and member for Clark School, Enright Middle School and Soldan High School for several terms. She was one of the original founders of the scholarship committee of the 7th District Public Affairs, with over 40 years of service; and

WHEREAS, she had great love for family and friends. She would always say, "Love you more" to all. She was a grandmother, mother, aunt, sister and friend to many. She started the Hill-Smith Family Reunion and celebrated the 40th Annual Family Reunion in August 2011 with a cruise to the Bahamas; and

WHEREAS, she leaves to cherish her memories: four children, Rev. Zelldrick Preston, LaDell Preston Sr., Claudette Temple (Willie) and Annie Sue Preston; eight grandchildren, LaDell Preston Jr., Megan Temple, Jabril Temple, Danielle Temple, Jessica Preston, Joshua Temple, Dedrick Mullen and Christopher Peters; two sisters, Helen Manuel and Geraldine Crumpton; two sisters-in-law, Mary Preston and Gwen Curry and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

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 Jessie Dorothy Griswold-Preston 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 Preston family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 8th day of June, 2012 by:

Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26th Ward

Adopted this the 8th day of June, 2012 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen