

**Resolution Number 87**  
**Lou “Fatha” Thimes**

**WHEREAS**, Lou “Fatha” Thimes was born in St. Louis on October 18, 1928, graduated from Booker T Washington Tech High and went to historic Lincoln University on a basketball scholarship; and

**WHEREAS**, Lou “Fatha” Thimes married Mildred Dewalt in the mid 1950’s and produced three sons, Edrick, Reginald and Lou Jr. and four daughters, Denise, Deborah, Patrice and Kelly; and

**WHEREAS**, Lou “Fatha” Thimes, while serving in the United States Army, began a radio career that spanned over 65 years, having one of the most recognizable voices, was able to lead St. Louis from the 50’s and turbulent 60’s through recent times, introducing his legion of fans and family to scores of artists celebrating Gospel and Rhythm and Blues; and

**WHEREAS**, Lou “Fatha” Thimes broadcast career gained him hundreds of local awards, he was one of the first St. Louisians elected to the National Association of Television and Radio Announcers, a St. Louis Lifetime Achievement Award in 2010 and he was a Legacy Inductee in the St. Louis Radio Hall of Fame; and

**WHEREAS**, Lou “Fatha” Thimes was a long standing employee of the City of St. Louis logging almost 50 years between Human Development Corporation of Metropolitan St. Louis and the City License Collector’s office; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize, acknowledge and remember Lou “Fatha” Thimes as one of the city’s cultural treasures and an important and significant part of our St. Louis’ rich and diverse 250 year history, and hereby direct the Clerk of this Board to prepare a commemorative copy of this resolution to the end that it may be presented to the Thimes family at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced on the 20th day of June, 2014 by:

**Honorable Sharon Tyus, Alderwomen 1<sup>st</sup> Ward**  
**Honorable Samuel Moore, Alderman 4<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
**Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen**

Adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen