

RESOLUTION NO. 102
Living Legend: Dorothy Barnes

WHEREAS, Ms. Dorothy Barnes will be honored by friends and relatives on the occasion of The Living Legend Award Ceremony September 3, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy was born October 19, 1926 in Pickaway, Ohio to Elizabeth McHenry and Leroy Grey; she came to St. Louis early on in her life and was cared for by her grandmother, Mary Dukes; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy had an older sister, Florence, who gave her the gift of her niece; she also had two beloved daughters, Debbie and Ingrid, now deceased; they gave her five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, all of whom she deeply cherishes; Dorothy's undying devotion is evident—she is loving and has cared for Michael, her great-grandson whom she lovingly adopted, from childhood to adulthood; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy graduated from Sumner High School; she later attended and graduated from St. Mary's Infirmary for Colored People School of Nursing; Dorothy is a graduate of St. Louis University where she earned a Bachelor of Nursing Degree; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy practiced professional nursing throughout the St. Louis Metropolitan Area; Dorothy planted roots at Homer G. Phillips and Malcolm Bliss Hospitals as well as the Veteran's Hospital; during her many years of serving this community tirelessly, she often worked two jobs, until she retired; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy was the coordinator of the first Project Stay Program in the United States in 1969; this program was established to prevent high-risk high school students from dropping out of school; at that time, Soldan High School had the highest dropout rate in the country; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy demonstrated the best of the best in nursing by teaching, developing, nurturing, and case managing young aspiring health professionals and leaders during the day and providing excellence in clinical practice to ill members of our community by night; she is the backbone of many a health professional today who have now also tirelessly served the St. Louis Metropolitan Area and throughout these United States; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy never grew tired in doing good for others no matter the need or cost, big or small; she took seriously, with joy and pride, her commitment to whomever she was given to serve; whether weekly shopping with Cousin Lucy, a lifetime commitment to parent a great-grandchild or to encourage and pray for a CEO, each endeavor has been and is achieved from the God within her, in love; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy has never been too busy or judgmental of young people who sought her advice, wisdom, or the comfort of her loving, powerful, highly influential, steadfast, and assuring presence; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy has built longstanding relationships with so many, God has sent her way; her response has always been enthusiastically, "Yes, Lord!"; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy is the epitome of the virtuous woman and the personification of the unconditional love of God; she is a God-given treasure on the planet Earth and a Living Legend.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to thank Ms. Dorothy Barnes for her years of service to our community and our world. 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 commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 3rd day of September, 2016, by:

The Honorable Tammika Hubbard, Alderwoman 5th Ward

Adopted the 3rd day of September, 2016, as attested by:

Timothy O'Connell
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen