

Resolution Number 126
Martha Harvey

WHEREAS, we pause in our deliberations to express our sense of appreciation to Martha Harvey for her unselfish acts of kindness and decency she displayed to the Shahid-Jones family; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1960's Martha Harvey opened her home and her heart to MaryAnn Smith and her children Mark Shahid, Mellve Shahid, Anthony Shahid, Angela Jones, Carolyn Jones, and Paula Jones; and

WHEREAS, for three years Martha Harvey provided shelter, clothing, and food to the family; and

WHEREAS, more importantly, she showed them love, generosity, kindness, discipline and life skills they would carry with them throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, because of her generosity and fine mothering skills, the Shahid family is known around the world as community leaders, activists, and ambassadors of good will; and

WHEREAS, by her early influence on the boys, programs such as Prostate Cancer Awareness, the Empowerment Network, gang prevention, and employment opportunities were created and shared throughout the St. Louis area and beyond; and

WHEREAS, as a direct result of the love shown to this family by Martha Harvey, they have stayed together as a strong, caring family and continue to promote love, discipline, good health, and life skills to all those who now find themselves in need of that same generosity provided to them by a very special lady fifty years ago; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that on behalf of the Shahid-Jones family we pause in our deliberations to remember the kindness and generosity of Martha Harvey. 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 to Martha Harvey at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 20th day of September, 2013 by:

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen

Adopted this 20th day of September, 2013 as attested by

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen