

RESOLUTION NUMBER 137

Vera White Blue

WHEREAS, we pause in our deliberations to note the passing of St. Louis resident, Vera White Blue; and

WHEREAS, Vera White Blue was born on August 8, 1918 in Stampley, Mississippi. She was the fifth of six children born to Guy and Claretta White. Her parents, three sisters, and two brothers, all preceded her in death; and

WHEREAS, Vera accepted Christ at an early age. She joined Willing Workers Christian Redeeming Spiritual Church in 1949, which was located at 2028 Walnut Street, under the leadership of Reverend Hamp Miner. She sang joyously in the No. 2 church choir and served on the Mission Board for many years. Vera drew people from far and near. Her love for God and people motivated her to reach out to the youth of the church. When visiting family, she always brought books for the grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Vera White Blue became an ordained minister on August 25, 1974 under the leadership of Bishop Ozell Robertson. She was an amazing Healer and Prophetess. Her ministry lives on in all the lives she has touched. Minister Vera White Blue, "Mother" as she was affectionately called, remained a faithful servant and a devoted member for sixty-two years and she will never ever be forgotten. She especially enjoyed going to Jefferson City to see her son, State Representative Louis Ford, when Missouri Legislature was in session; and

WHEREAS, she leaves to cherish her memory, her loving son Louis H. Ford, daughter-in-law, (Ida), two grand-daughters, Beverly Ford Franklin, and Leslie Elliott, three step grand-daughters, April Ford Griffin (William), Retha McGee (Tracy), and Keeva Cole, three step grandsons, David Walker, Anthony Walker and Candies Walker, of Upper Marlboro, Maryland, one great grandson, David Elliott of Altadena, California, five nephews, Cornelius White Jr., Ronald White, Herbert White, Guy Aaron White, and Tyrone White, all of New Orleans, Louisiana, six nieces, Regina Boutette, Arzelia Jones, Joan Marie Coleman, Laterrial Frances, Beverly Summers, all of New Orleans, Louisiana., and Mary Fuller, of Chicago, Illinois, and a host of cousins, church family 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 Vera White Blue 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 Blue family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 5th day of July, 2011 by:

Honorable April Ford-Griffin, Alderwoman 5th Ward

Adopted this the 8th day of July, 2011 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen