

RESOLUTION 207
MR. WILLIE CARTER

WHEREAS, Mr. Willie Carter was born November 16, 1934 in Aberdeen Mississippi to the union of Ella Louise Clay/Carter and Ferdinand Carter. Willie was the baby brother affectionately known as “ba bro”. His parents and siblings Ben, Earline and Lena preceded him in death; and

WHEREAS, Willie moved with his parents to St. Louis where he attended Dunbar elementary and Vashon High School. At Vashon he sang in the choir and was a member of a singing group; and

WHEREAS, Willie met and married the love of his life the late Senator Paula J. Carter April 1, 1956 at Saint Malachy's Church. To this union, four children, three sons and one daughter were born; and

WHEREAS, Willie was baptized early in life and then changed to The Holy Sacrament and was baptized as a Catholic in 1956; and

WHEREAS, Willie worked multiple jobs all of his adult life to support his family. He worked at the Missouri Athletic Club and owned two Marcella Cabs. He personally drove Cab Number 20 for more than 20 years. He began with the City of St. Louis in 1965 in the St. Louis Sheriff's Department. In 1969 he transferred to the St. Louis City Treasurer's office where he retired after 50 plus years; and

WHEREAS, Willie was well known in political circles starting as a precinct captain in the 5th and 27th Wards for 40 plus years, serving as an advisor and helping to start the careers of many City of St. Louis elected officials; and

WHEREAS, Willie spent a lot of his spare time doing what he liked best, fishing and hunting. Whenever Willie greeted people he had the same greeting, “Everything's lovely, If there was abetter world, I wouldn't want to be there”; and

WHEREAS, Willie was preceded in death by his eternal love, Senator Paula J. Carter and their son Alderman Gregory J. Carter; and

WHEREAS, Willie made his transition Saturday, December 15, 2018. He leaves to mourn him in his passing Wardell (Bettie), Keena Marie and Willie Christopher (Ronda). His grandchildren, Gregory James II, Willie Christopher III (LaTosha), Candace Rochelle, Jennifer Noel, Paula Alexandria, Chelsea Alexis, and Ida Victoria; and one daughter-in-law Barbara D.Carter. Seven great grandchildren: and a large group of extended family members and friends.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to remember the life and legacy of Mr. Willie Carter and 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 the Carter Family at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this day 20th day of December, 2018 by:

The Honorable John Collins-Muhammad, Alderman 21st Ward

The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

The Honorable Sharon Tyus, Alderwoman 1st Ward

The Honorable Lisa Middlebrook, Alderwoman 2nd Ward

The Honorable Brandon Bosley, Alderman 3rd Ward

The Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward

The Honorable Tammika Hubbard, Alderwoman 5th Ward

The Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward

The Honorable Marlene E. Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward

The Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward

The Honorable Pam Boyd, Alderwoman 27th Ward

Adopted this 20th day of December, 2018, as attested by:

Louis Galli
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen