

RESOLUTION NUMBER 248

James “Jimmy” Aikens

WHEREAS, we pause in our deliberations to note the untimely passing of longtime St. Louis resident, James “Jimmy” Aikens; and

WHEREAS, James “Jimmy” Aikens, son of Johnnie & Ida Mae (Sharp) Aikens was born October 16, 1946 in St. Louis. Jimmy was the fourth of five children born to this union; and

WHEREAS, his parents, sister Gwendolyn, brothers John Allen and Charles, as well as one nephew, preceded him in death; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy was educated in the St. Louis Public School, working extensively throughout the region, most notably as a bartender and most recently as an independent electrician prior to his illness; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy was an avid music lover, especially all things jazz. He loved dominoes, darts not chess. He also was an active member of the Gorgeous Gents Social Club for many years; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy was a larger than life individual who was well known and loved by many; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, he met and married Christine Turner. To this union two sons were born, Jermaine and Edward; and

WHEREAS, James leaves to cherish his memory, a wife of 40 years, Christine ; a daughter, Alia ; four sons, James, Jamel (Kim), Jermaine and Edward; five grandchildren, Brandon, Jamel Jr., Jamonn, Marshaundra and Jada; two great grandchildren, Jayden, and Christopher; one brother, Clarence “Butch” (Betty); three brothers-in-laws Ronald Smith, Willie Turner & O.D. Turner (Gilda); one sister-in-law, Louise Taylor (Robert) and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives 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 James “Jimmy” Aikens to the citizens of the City of St. Louis and we join with his many friends in expressing our sorrow at his 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 Aikens family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 8th day of February, 2013 by:

Honorable Antonio D. French Alderman 21st Ward

Adopted this the 8th day of February, 2013 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen