

RESOLUTION NUMBER 258
Mother Arlena Woodhouse

WHEREAS, Mother Arlena was born in Penjur, Arkansas. She married Deacon Roosevelt Woodhouse and the marriage lasted 58 years and 4 months. They moved to St. Louis on May 1, 1945 and shortly thereafter she began raising the 3 children of a deceased Aunt. Other members of the family were willing to help her, but Mother Woodhouse wanted to keep all of the children together; and

WHEREAS, overnight her family grew from 2 people to 5 and through this circumstance she began a lifelong journey to meet the needs of impoverished children everywhere, by providing nourishment, clothing, mentoring, and education; and

WHEREAS, her car became a taxicab as Mother Woodhouse and her husband traveled throughout the Carondelet neighborhood and the neighborhood of her church to support disadvantaged children in the City of St. Louis by meeting their holistic needs; and

WHEREAS, Mother Woodhouse can no longer travel as she once did; however, she continues to support children financially as she is currently supporting a second grade child named Dihaiti in Gonave Hope, Haiti, through the World Vision Program; and

WHEREAS, Mother Woodhouse has continued her Christian education through the General Baptist Convention's Baptist Training Unit (BTU) and is currently serving in the Women's Missionary Unit.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to recognize Mother Arlena Woodhouse for her service and humanitarian efforts and we 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 for presentation to the honoree, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 18th day of November, 2011 by:

Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr., Alderman 3rd Ward

Adopted this the 18th day of November, 2011 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen