

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 329**

**Mildred G. Carbin**

**WHEREAS**, St. Louis native, Mildred G. Carbin, was born February 25, 1941 to Lila and Walter Johnson, the eldest of seven children. Mildred attended the historically acclaimed Sumner High School and graduated with the class of 1959. As a child, she grew up in the infamous *Ville* neighborhood, just blocks west of St. Louis' famous *Gaslight Square*; and

**WHEREAS**, Mildred was always busy making things happen either at home or at work. In fact, at age 12, she took her first job at the local neighborhood grocery store. During the 1960's, Mildred found love with former husbands, Freddie Bland and Harold Hulsey. That love created Mildred's masterpiece, her two sons, Roderick (Roddy) and Harold (Pepe); and

**WHEREAS**, as a mother, Mildred knew that she had to provide for her sons. As a powerful and committed mother, she began her professional career as a sheet metal worker at the McDonnell Douglas Company. Not many African Americans or women were allowed to reach this level of employment. As a trail blazer, Mildred busted "the glass ceiling" for over thirty years. During her tenure, she went back to college earned her degree in business with honors and was promoted to supervisor; and

**WHEREAS**, Mildred is best described as a mountain; unmoved yet moving, constantly changing yet always appearing the same- she is magnificent. It is that mountainous character that has given her the strength to survive breast cancer twice, succeed as a loving single mother, and overcome countless other life challenges with ease; and

**WHEREAS**, to Mildred, the day is never done. There is always work to do and work she has done. As a founding member of the 1959 Sumner Alumni Club, she help build one of the city's largest and longest standing scholarship organizations in St. Louis. For over thirty years, Mildred and her classmates have organized the "Oldies but Goodies Dance," hosting thousands of supporters each year and raising thousands of scholarship dollars to support local students entering college; and

**WHEREAS**, as we celebrate Mildred's many accomplishments throughout her magnificent 70 years, the most notable of those would be her dedication and devotion to her family. Mildred has invested most her life to her children and five grandchildren. They are her heart, our blessing and hope that the legacy of Mildred Carbin lives forever.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Mildred G. Carbin and we wish her a happy 70<sup>th</sup> birthday and continued success, achievement and accomplishment 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 commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

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

**Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward**

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

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

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen