

RESOLUTION NUMBER 359

Mrs. Guster Mae Singleton

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that on April 30, 2011, Mrs. Guster Mae Singleton will be honored at her birthday celebration by her family, friends, and all who know and adore her in commemoration of her 80th birthday.; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Guster Mae Singleton was born February 22, 1931 to Ollie Voss and Edmond Wynne in Brownsville, Tennessee. At the age of twelve, Guster professed her hope in Jesus Christ at Woodlawn Baptist Church in Brownsville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Guster met and fell in love with Earnest Samuel Singleton Jr. and to this union they were blessed with seven beautiful children: Frankie, Curt, Gwynn, Shirley, Angela, Teresa, and Ernestine; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, Guster, Earnest, and their seven children moved to St. Louis and selected 4228 East Kossuth Avenue in the 21st Ward as their home. Guster has resided at this residence for the past 46 years. During this time, she has remained committed to working with her neighbors and community leaders to keep her neighborhood safe and clean. She also aids her neighbors in their time of need and has raised many children along with her own. She is mentor and a true blessing to many; and

WHEREAS, Guster and Earnest also united with the Jamison Memorial Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church family located at 609 N. Leffingwell Avenue under the leadership of Rev. R. V. Johnson in 1965. Guster has been a faithful member of Jamison for over 45 years where Rev. Marcus J. Rogers is the current Pastor. Guster presently serves as Vice President of the Stewardess Board, President of the Usher Board, and is a member of the Lay Ministry. On Sunday mornings you can always see her in church enjoying the word of God; and

WHEREAS, after relocating to St. Louis, Guster worked for the Federal Reserve Bank for several years and eventually retired to become a full-time wife and mother. Her loving and devoted husband, Earnest passed away in 1997; and

WHEREAS, the Lord continues to bless and keep Mrs. Guster Mae Singleton; even at age 80, she is *still* beautiful, brilliant, saved, sassy, lively, loving, funny, and fly. As a loving widow, dedicated mother of 7, wonderful grandmother of 21, amazing great-grandmother of 22, extraordinary great-great grandmother of 3, and a loyal and caring neighbor and friend to many; Mrs. Guster Mae Singleton is truly loved and adored by multitudes. She is a remarkable woman of God who cherishes every moment spent with her family, friends, and loved ones.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate Mrs. Guster Mae Singleton on the occasion of her 80th Birthday and we wish her continued peace, good health and happiness 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 15th day of April, 2011 by:

Honorable Antonio D. French Alderman 21st Ward

Adopted this the 15th day of April, 2011 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen