

*RESOLUTION NUMBER 63*

*WHEREAS*, we pause in our deliberations to note the untimely passing of William Norman “Bill” Cherry on May 24, 2007; and

*WHEREAS*, William was born in Queens, New York, and was the son of the late Ernest and Ella Cherry and received his education at John Adams High School in Queens, NY, New York University, New York, NY, and Columbia University, New York, NY. where he earned his Master of Journalism Degree; and

*WHEREAS*, William worked as a promoter, publicist and producer, he was the vice president of Richard Pryor Enterprises and worked with Mr. Pryor on at least six films and comedy tours, and he was the publicist for the Negro Ensemble Company and for On-Off Broadway Productions, and he was the director of publicity and promotions for Campaign/Stax Records, Free Southern Theater and UniWorld Group Advertising out of Newark and he was also a consultant for Michael Jackson’s Victory Tour; and

*WHEREAS*, William received a multitude of honors and awards that are too numerous to name, however there were some that held special sentimental value to him such as the Entertainment Atlanta USA Magazine Award for his work in the entertainment industry; and North Carolina Durham Housing Authority Award for his participation in their sit-down banquet in which Dick Gregory was the keynote speaker; Compassion Ministries of Durham presented him with an award for “Where are the Men Series”; and

*WHEREAS*, William also worked with health organizations such as the National Marrow Donor Program; and

*WHEREAS*, William is survived by his wife, Diane Barbee Cherry, five children; Kendra Cherry, Kameron Cherry, Leah Watson, Sean Cherry, and William Norman ‘Bill’ Cherry Jr.; two grandchildren; three brothers; Ernest (Deila) Cherry Jr., Jack (Joyce) Cherry, and George Cherry.

*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 William “Bill” Cherry 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 Cherry family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2007 by:

**Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4<sup>th</sup> Ward**

Adopted this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2007 as attested by:

