

*RESOLUTION NUMBER 113*

*WHEREAS*, we pause in our deliberations to note the untimely passing of Ether Bledsoe on Friday, September 15, 2006; and

*WHEREAS*, Mr. Bledsoe founded Alliance Painting Company in 1970 and through his leadership and vision the company led the way for minority contractors throughout the St. Louis Region; and

*WHEREAS*, Alliance Painting Company was the first minority contractor in Painter's District Council #2 and the first minority graduate of the Small Business Administration 8(a) contracting program in the mid-west; and

*WHEREAS*, in addition to his dedication to his business and his family, Mr. Bledsoe devoted countless hours to local civic and charitable organizations including the Ritenour School District, the Boy Scouts of America, the St. Louis Minority Contractors Association and the Role Model Program for the St. Louis Public School System and was a founding member of the Missouri Kansas Contractors Assistance Center (MOKAN); and

*WHEREAS*, for more than 36 years Mr. Bledsoe provided training and job opportunities for hundreds of young tradesmen and inspired them to become valuable members of the labor force in this community; and

*WHEREAS*, Mr. Bledsoe will be greatly missed by his family, his countless friends and admirers and the members of the minority contracting community who he so faithfully served;

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that, on behalf of the St. Louis community, we pause to remember the many contributions of Ether Bledsoe 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 Bledsoe family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 22nd day of September, 2006

**Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward**

Adopted this the 22nd day of September, 2006 as attested by:

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Patrick J. Connaghan  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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James F. Shrewsbury  
President, Board of Aldermen