

RESOLUTION NUMBER 115

Amy Cobb Gaines

WHEREAS, Amy Cobb Gaines was the youngest child born to the union of Rev. Arthur Mitchell Cobb & Mrs. Ollie Whitney Cobb, in St. Louis on June 13, 1920. One of her siblings, Oliver L. Cobb, did not have a very long life but, during Maestro Cobb's life he became a renowned Jazz Trumpeter, best known for 'Cornet Pleading Blues' and 'Hot Stuff;' Other siblings include: Geneva, Rosetta and Alma Cobb; and

WHEREAS, Mother Gaines was reared & educated in St. Louis. She loved playing the piano and passed this tradition on to her four children: Archie, Vernona, Angela and Vernon. She encouraged her children to develop an appreciation of the arts and required them to refine their public speaking skills; and

WHEREAS, she also encouraged them to participate in plays and music recitals. They attended tours and classes sponsored by the Music Teachers Guild and the St. Louis Art Museum. All her children are educated, gainfully employed, law-abiding citizens of whom she is extremely proud; and

WHEREAS, when her children were young, her constant prayer was, "Lord, just let me live to see my children grown and able to take care of themselves." In addition to her four children, Mother Gaines has been blessed with 7 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, she is a lifelong member of St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church, where she was active in the youth department as a child. She also served faithfully in the Senior and Chancel Choirs, as an adult, for over 60 years. Mother Gaines has been recognized for her years of attendance & commitment to the Sunday School Department of her church. She enjoyed playing the piano for various church programs including Summer Senior Camp; serves as a Class Leader and conducts an individual ministry of Cheer and Courtesy for sick and shut-in church members as well; and

WHEREAS, Amy Cobb Gaines was a cosmetologist for a number of years until desiring to become involved in the healthcare field. After Nurse Assistant training, she was employed by St. John Mercy Hospital, followed by St. Louis Veterans Affairs Medical Center and finally, by the Department of Veterans Affairs, the John Cochran Division, from which she retired in September 1989, after 22 years of service; and

WHEREAS, in her earlier years, she was actively involved in city politics, working on campaigns for icons such as, William 'Bill' Clay, Leroy Tyus and Bertha Gilkey. Mrs. Gaines admires and supports her present Alderman, the Honorable Frank Williamson of the 26th Ward. In addition, she is Block Watch Contact for the 5300 block of Cabanne Avenue.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to recognize the many accomplishments and achievements of Amy Cobb Gaines to the citizens of the City of St. Louis 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 copy for presentation to the honoree, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 11th day of June, 2010 by:

Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26th Ward

Adopted this the 11th day of June, 2010 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

