

RESOLUTION NUMBER 116
The Willing Four

WHEREAS, we pause to recognize the many contributions and achievements of The Willing Four; and

WHEREAS, The Willing Four Singers was organized in the year of 1931, on 22nd and Clark, St. Louis, Missouri. The place was at “Stranger Rest Baptist Church”. The Willing Four is the second oldest group in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Willing Four broadcasted on radio for 35 years on WTMB and KATZ. They also broadcasted for Crown Furniture Company located at 1001 Franklin Avenue for many years; and

WHEREAS, since that time there have been five managers. They were Brother Joe Higgins, Brother C. King, Reverend Joe Gray, Brother H. Susby, and Brother J. Jones. All are now deceased; and

WHEREAS, the manager today is Brother Arthur Willis, the only original member of the group living today. Brother Willis is the bass singer of the group and also the President. Deacon Harry Cannon is Secretary and Treasurer, Brother Alexander is Chaplin and Reverend Jones is a new member and lead singer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to recognize the many contributions of The Willing Four 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 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 27th day of June, 2008 by:

Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr., Alderman 3rd Ward

Adopted this the 27th day of June, 2008 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen