

RESOLUTION NUMBER 121
Retha Mae McNary-Eubanks

WHEREAS, we pause in our deliberations to note the passing of Retha Mae McNary-Eubanks, grandmother of Alderwoman April Ford-Griffin; and

WHEREAS, Retha Mae McNary-Eubanks began her life from the union of Arizona Shannon and Mary Ida Shannon (Harris) on a cold day, the nineteenth day of October in 1918 in Starkville, Mississippi. She was the second daughter of seven children born to this union. Her parents, her sister, Lillian Whitehorn, brother, Arizona Shannon, and grandson, Michael preceded her in death; and

WHEREAS, her family moved to St. Louis in 1921 later ending up in Mounds, Illinois. She later traveled to St. Louis with her only child, Ida Mae Hagler who was born to the union of Early Hagler and Retha Shannon(Hagler) ; and

WHEREAS, Retha enjoyed cooking and opened her own restaurant called Kitty's Café' on Leffingwell. She joined Calvary Missionary Baptist Church and met Earl Lee McNary who she married and stayed with him until his death; and

WHEREAS, she held many offices at Calvary and served diligently with love for God. She served as Sunday School teacher where she put on an Easter play every year that was enjoyed by many. Retha was a Vacation Bible School teacher, a cook for Girl Scouts Summer Camp, member of the Deaconess Board and the Health Unit. Retha was former president of Antioch District Deaconess, Wives, and Widows. Retha served as a Girl Scout leader for 25 years. She also served as a craft teacher at Bridewell Christian Day Care Center at Calvary; and

WHEREAS, she sang with the St. Louis Vocal Union, and also won many awards from the Girl Scouts of America, first place in Annie Malone May Day Parade, the Double Dutch Contest, the National Speech Contest, most cookies sold, and many more; and

WHEREAS, Retha ran a day care center out of her home for over 30 years. She loved her family very much and was affectionately known as "Tweets" to her grandchildren. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, gardening, and singing. She modeled in many of the fashion shows she produced. She was a very creative and extremely colorful lady; and

WHEREAS, Retha met and married James Eubanks in 1988. They remained married until his death. Retha departed this life on Sunday, June 13, 2010 after a lengthy illness. Her daughter Ida was by her side; and

WHEREAS, she leaves to cherish her memory: her loving and devoted daughter, Ida Ford (Louis); two sister, Annie Mae and Ollie; one brother, Warren (Thelma); seven grandchildren, Retha (Tracy), Candies, David, Anthony, Mark (Debra), April (Will), and Keeva; and a host of other great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to remember Retha Mae McNary-Eubanks and we join with her many friends in expressing our sorrow at her 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 family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 18th day of June, 2010 by:

Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr., Alderman 3rd Ward

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen
Honorable Charles Quincy Troupe, Alderman 1st Ward
Honorable Dionne Flowers, Alderwoman 2nd Ward
Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward
Honorable April Ford Griffin, Alderwoman 5th Ward
Honorable Kacie Starr Triplett, Alderwoman 6th Ward
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Honorable Matthew Villa, Alderman 11th Ward
Honorable Fred Heitert, Alderman 12th Ward
Honorable Alfred Wessels, Jr., Alderman 13th Ward
Honorable Stephen Gregali, Alderman 14th Ward
Honorable Jennifer Florida, Alderwoman 15th Ward
Honorable Donna Baringer, Alderwoman 16th Ward
Honorable Joseph Roddy, Alderman 17th Ward
Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward
Honorable Marlene E. Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward
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Honorable Antonio D. French, Alderman 21st Ward
Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward
Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23rd Ward
Honorable William Waterhouse, Alderman 24th Ward
Honorable Shane Cohn, Alderman 25th Ward
Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26th Ward
Honorable Gregory J. Carter, Alderman 27th Ward
Honorable Lyda Krewson, Alderwoman 28th Ward

Adopted this the 18th day of June, 2010 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen