

**RESOLUTION NO. 130  
WILLIE MAE SMALLS RIVERS**

**WHEREAS, Willie Mae Smalls Rivers has touched and continues to touch the lives of many people throughout the world. It was stated that she was born “to be different” on February 20, 1926 and that “she would one day contribute greatly to mankind.” She was and still is concerned about the welfare of others; and**

**WHEREAS, Mother Rivers began her Christian experience as a child. She attended the Mt. Zion AME Church Sunday school and represented her church as a delegate to many conventions; and**

**WHEREAS, Willie Mae Smalls at the age of 15 was united in Holy Matrimony to David Rivers. Their marriage lasted approximately 56 years until he went home on May 15, 1997. This union was blessed with twelve children; two sons and ten daughters; and**

**WHEREAS, Mother Rivers became a member of Calvary Church of God In Christ in 1946 where she was appointed Church Mother at the age of twenty where she continues to serve in that capacity. Because of her dedication, Mother Rivers was chosen to serve as District Missionary and in 1968, she was appointed and presently serves as the Supervisor of the Department of Women for the South Carolina Jurisdiction; and**

**WHEREAS, Mother Rivers has served on the national level as International Marshal at the International Women’s Convention; Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors; Member of the Executive Board; Member of the Screening Committee; Coordinator of the Leadership Conference; Instructor of the District Missionaries Class; Member, Steering Committee of the International Women’s Convention; Third Assistant General Supervisor; Second Assistant General Supervisor; and First Assistant General Supervisor; and she is the founder and President of the Community Christian Women & Men Fellowship which was organized to reach people in all walks of life; and**

**WHEREAS, Mother Rivers was featured in the May, 1999 edition of Charisma Magazine and on February 3, 2000, she had her first appearance on the “700 Club.” She continues to spread the gospel through the “Evangelist Speaks” ministry on WTUA 106.1 (St. Stephen’s, SC); WLGO 1170 AM (Columbia, SC) and WBBP 1480 (Memphis, TN) radio stations; and**

**WHEREAS, Mother Rivers has touched the life of her son the late Samuel Rivers; and she continues to touch the lives of her ten daughters, twenty grandchildren, twenty-one great grandchildren, three sisters, uncles, aunts, many cousins, her community and the Grand Ole’ Church of God In Christ Family; and**

**WHEREAS, This resolution will be presented by the Jurisdictional Prelate of Eastern Missouri and Western Illinois, Bishop Lawrence M. Wooten and the Jurisdictional State Mother of Eastern Missouri and Western Illinois, Mother Rosetta Watt along with the first Church of God In Christ Alderman Samuel L. Moore.**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, meeting in regular session, that we pause in our deliberations to recognize, congratulate and honor Mother Willie Mae Smalls Rivers for her accomplishments, and dedication to the kingdom of God and the citizens of the City of St. Louis, and we further direct the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of this proceeding 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 this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007 by:  
Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**Adopted this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007 as attested by:**

