

RESOLUTION NUMBER 134
Ernestine Billups

WHEREAS, we pause in our deliberations to note the untimely passing of long time St. Louis resident, Ernestine Billups; and

WHEREAS, Ernestine Brown was born May 13, 1938 to Frank Arthur and Fannie Brown in Memphis, Tennessee. She moved to St. Louis in 1940. She married James G. Billups Sr. on June 28, 1954 and to this union eight children were born. One daughter (Annette) preceded her in death. She has one adopted daughter. Her parents and six of her siblings (Earlie Lindsey, George Smith, John Smith, Seth (Ed) Smith, James Smith, Joseph Frank Brown) preceded her in death; and

WHEREAS, Ernestine was educated in the St. Louis Public School System. She was baptized in 1946 at Star Bethel Baptist Church. She later became a member of Morning Star Baptist Church. She moved her membership to Phillips Memorial Baptist Church in 1970 under the leadership of Rev. Ralph Rose/Floyd Morris. In 1997 she joined Peoples Community Christian Church under the leadership of Pastor Bennie B. Ford, where she served until her death; and

WHEREAS, she was always a burst of energy with a catch phrase that would make you laugh or make you cry. She stressed the importance of a relationship with God, education and self respect; those were her keys to a successful life. She was a member of the Fun Folks Social Club that allowed her to travel and enjoy life. After becoming a single mom with eight children, she was able to view the world and encouraged her children, grandchildren and others to do the same; and

WHEREAS, she leave to cherish her memory four daughters, Veretta Billups-King (L.C.), Tracy Smith-Hatchet (Phillip), Denise Billups, Tammie Wheeler (Craig) all of St. Louis; four sons, Darryl Billups (Monica) of St. Louis, Cedric Billups (Donna) of Grand Prairie, Texas, James Billups Jr. of Arlington, Texas and Kevin Billups (Claudia) of Fort Worth, Texas; one sister, Bobbie Jean Brown of St. Louis; 21 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; a family friend and special helper/caregiver John Williams, her best friend Mildred Henderson, a host of 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 the many contributions of Ernestine Billups to the citizens of the City of St. Louis 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 Billups family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 28th day of June, 2010 by:

Honorable Samuel L. Moore Alderman 4th Ward

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

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Adopted this the 28th day of June, 2010 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

