

RESOLUTION NUMBER 137
Mrs. Parlee Hayes' 100th Birthday

Whereas, this Honorable Board of Aldermen has been apprised of the upcoming birthday celebrations of Mrs. Parlee Hayes honoring 100 years of life filled with church and community service; and

Whereas, Mrs. Hayes was born on July 23, 1908 in Monroe, Louisiana to her parents Sarah Hopkins and Wash Hayes, had 6 siblings, attended and completed her elementary education in Monroe, Louisiana which was no small feat for an African – American woman of that day; and

Whereas, traveling to St. Louis in 1938, Mrs. Hayes was determined to get a high school diploma. Mrs. Hayes attended night school while working at the Easter Seal Foundation where she worked for many years; and

Whereas, Mrs. Hayes joined the Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church in 1957, then under the leadership of its pastor the Reverend David Lee Langford, where she began working in the Sunday School; and

Whereas, her faith and call to service caused Mrs. Hayes to join the Missionary Society, the Baptist Training Union, Christian Board of Education, Willing Workers and Mother's Board, as well as, becoming an ongoing visitor to the church sick and shut-ins; and

Whereas, in 1940 she married Mr. Fred Hayes and through and with this union shared her Christian love with numerous children in her church and community; and

Whereas, in honor of her life, history, experience and wisdom acquired over more than ten decades a grand celebration is planned for Mrs. Hayes by her family, friends and church members;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to join in the festivities to celebrate 100 years of life and history and by adoption of this resolution wishes to join in the festivities and congratulate Mrs. Hayes on her life filled with love and service and direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of the resolution over the permanent rolls of this Board and to prepare a fitting copy of this resolution to be presented to the honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by its sponsor.

Introduced on the 22nd day of July, 2007 by:

Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward

Adopted this the 22nd day of July, 2007 as attested:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen