

RESOLUTION NUMBER 165

Ella Dell Cofer

WHEREAS, we pause in our deliberations to note the untimely passing of longtime St. Louis resident, Ella Dell Cofer; and

WHEREAS, Ella Dell Cofer was born April 30, 1917 in Starkville, Mississippi. She was the daughter of Ezell Owens and Lou Hines. Ella Dell was the youngest of 10 children. She accepted Christ at an early age. She moved to St. Louis in 1935 to care for her nephew, Robert Wallace. She joined the Northern Baptist Church upon moving to St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, on April 4, 1937 she married Frank Cofer. To this union 3 children were born, Carlinda (Cofer) McDaniels, Dwight Cofer and Curtis Cofer; and

WHEREAS, Ella Dell loved to work on the farm in Troy, Missouri. It was in Troy that she began to study Jehovah with Mrs. Joyce Kemp. She was later baptized and joined the Newstead Congregation in St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, Ella Dell lived at 4415 St. Ferdinand Avenue for over 65 years. She was well known in her neighborhood for her good advice and good cooking. Ella Dell nurtured, raised and mentored many, many children and adults in her lifetime. Many people loved her and will sadly miss her good conversation, advice, great cakes, pie, homemade rolls, ice cream and much more; and

WHEREAS, she was active in her community and a proud property owner. She worked with many neighborhood organizations to ensure the upkeep and safety of the Ville area. She was a part of many meetings that planned new ways of making sure the historic greater Ville area was well taken care of by residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, September 17, 2008 Ella Dell transitioned from a life of pain and sickness to a better place with the Lord; and

WHEREAS, she leaves to mourn her passing one sister, Rena Monroe of Starkville, Mississippi, 3 children, 5 grandchildren, Michelle McDaniels, Kelly Cofer, Anthony McDaniels, Anthony Tobias, and Carnita McDaniels, one great-grandson, Brandon Alexander, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and godchildren.

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 Ella Dell Cofer 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 Cofer family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 19th day of September, 2008 by:

Honorable Samuel L. Moore Alderman 4th Ward

Adopted this the 19th day of September, 2008 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

