

RESOLUTION NUMBER 218
GENEVA J. THAMES

***WHEREAS*, Geneva Jessie Thames was born November 19, 1924 in Drew, Mississippi to Lige and Naomi Jessie. Both parents and her only sibling, James Jessie preceeded her in death; and**

***WHEREAS*, Geneva attended Alcorn A & M in Mississippi. She then moved to St. Louis, Missouri in the mid forties with her father and beloved stepmother, Alice Jessie. She attended Harris Stowe Teachers College; and**

***WHEREAS*, in 1951 Geneva was joined in holy matrimony to George A. Hayes. To this union a son, Gary Michael and a daughter, Patti Naomi were born. Throughout her children's educational years, Geneva was a model parent, energetically taking part in their school, PTO and other activities; and**

***WHEREAS*, in 1976, Geneva would later marry loving and devoted husband, Earl Thames. This union would last until his death in the year 2000; and**

***WHEREAS*, Geneva confessed her hope in Christ at an early age. She and her husband attended and was sincerely devoted to Centennial Christian Church under the leadership of Rev. Pastor Samuel E. Hilton. Both were earnest multi-active members. As she loved her family, she loved her church; and**

***WHEREAS*, Geneva was employed by and retired from St. Louis Division of Family Services where she received numerous certificates and awards for her generous work with the elderly. A major accomplishment included serving as a member of the St. Louis Board of Aldermen from 1972 to 1973. Her great passion and dedication was her membership with the St. Louis Chapter of Drifter, Inc., chairing their 1988 National Convention; and**

***WHEREAS*, with love and peace, Geneva is survived by her stepmother, Alice Jessie; son, Gary (Deloris); Daugher, Patti; grandchildren, Tiffany (Melvin), Jenna; great grandchildren, Melanie and Melvin III. She also leaves to mourn her sister-in-law, Ann Thames, Ebony; stepchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends and relatives.**

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that, on behalf of the St. Louis community we pause to remember the many contributions of Geneva J. Thames to the citizens of the City of St. Louis, and we join her family and many friends in expressing our sorrow at her passing on October 22, 2007, and we further direct the clerk of this board to spread a copy of this resolution across the minutes of the 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 26th day of October, 2007 by:

Honorable Gregory J. Carter, Alderman 27th Ward

Adopted this the 26th day of October, 2007 as attested by:

Denise Watson-Wesley Coleman
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

