

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 305**

**Mrs. Juanita Jamison-Artis**

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Juanita Jamison-Artis was born October 27, 1934 in West Point, Mississippi. Juanita was the first of five children to the union of the late Elzie Louis and Olivia Sacus. Her husband Willie Lee Childs, her daughter, Sharen Renee' Thomas, and her step daughter, Cheryl Diane Davis preceded her in death. Two sisters, Wallace Shirley King and Alice Barry, and step-sister, Elizabeth Murray also preceded her in death; and

**WHEREAS**, Juanita confessed hope in Christ at an early age with the Strong Hill Missionary Baptist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Juanita attended Strong Hill Elementary and West Point Northside High in Mississippi. She received an Associate's Degree in Child Care from St. Louis Community College at Forest Park. Juanita retired with over 30 years as a Principal's Secretary from the St. Louis Public School, Board of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, Mother Juanita Jamison brought her family to Union Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in 1966. She served faithfully, helping to start the Sunbeams, teaching Children's Sunday School and on the Usher Board and on the Mother Board. She brought many souls into the Church house and she never let go of God's unchanging hand, while working diligently, in the vineyard, to advance the Kingdom of God; and

**WHEREAS**, On Monday, January 26, 2009 Momma received her call from the Lord to come home to join her family; and

**WHEREAS**, Momma, Mother, Gramps, Gramma, Miss Juanita and Neat were just a few of the names that she was called. Juanita was "the Mother Theresa of the neighborhood" who gave each of us a different story. And, she lived in the same community for over 50 years. There wasn't a stranger that she met, there wasn't a soul that didn't fall in love with her, and there wasn't a hand that she didn't reach out to; and

**WHEREAS**, Juanita opened her home to everyone and she has helped hundreds of children and raised some of them into adulthood. She has held together hundreds of people and families, until times got better for them; and

**WHEREAS**, Neat, as her family and friends knew her, was extremely loyal, faithful, patient, giving, understanding, committed, compassionate, concerned, trusting, dependable and reliable to everyone that she knew and met; and

**WHEREAS**, Juanita always enjoyed life to the fullest putting Christ first and her family second. She will be missed, she was beloved and much loved, she was truly appreciated, she was a jewel and she was our diamond in the rough. To God be the glory, for Mother Juanita Sacus Childs Jamison-Artis, the wind beneath our wings; and

**WHEREAS**, Juanita leaves to cherish her memories, her loving husband, Ken Artis, her children, Katie Childs, Derrick (Juanita) Jamison, Velda Jamison and LaVette (Reginald) Harris; son-in-laws, Tom (Cheryl) Davis and Dennis (Sharen) Thomas; step children ,Brenda Jamison, Mahomed Stanford and Candice, Terry, Michael, Kenneth Jr., Kenya and James Earl Artis; foster children, Chantel Russell, Erica Taylor, and Patricia, Anthony and Antoine Clay; grandchildren, Tracey (Spencer) Carter, Christopher Davis, Derrick Jamison Jr., Justin Jones, Reginald Harris, Devin Jones, Tamica Jamison, Eric Jamison, Derell Jamison, LaVelle Harris and Kimmi McNight; great grandchildren, Daisia, Jayla, Alanya and Nadia Carter, ZaCari Bland, Caydin Jefferies, Devin Jones Jr.,

Elijah and Kyler Lockett; sisters, Rosalee Charleston, Lula Mae (Sam) Bell and Ethel Gibson; special sisters, Gloria (Willie C.) Vasser and Alzalee (Toosie); and goddaughters, Ayanna Contreaz and Tenisha Paige; and a host of family and close 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 Mrs. Juanita Jamison-Artis 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 Jamison-Artis family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 6th day of February, 2009 by:

**Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26<sup>th</sup> Ward**

Adopted this the 6th day of February, 2009 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen