

RESOLUTION NUMBER 308
WILLIE MAE LONG

WHEREAS, we pause in our deliberations to honor Willie Mae Long on the occasion of her 100th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Willie Mae was born in Clarendon, Arkansas to Emma and Will Rucker on January 21, 1908; and

WHEREAS, Willie Mae moved to Saint Louis at age 10 and attended St. Louis Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Willie Mae married Theodore Roosevelt Long on August 1, 1929 and remained married for 49 years until his demise on November 29, 1978; and

WHEREAS, to this Holy Union five children were born: Ernize, Jean, Theodore Jr., LaRoye and Reginald; and

WHEREAS, Willie Mae has eleven grandchildren and six great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Willie Mae has been an active member of St. James A.M.E. Church for over sixty years, has been recognized as Mother of the Year, remains a member of the Seasoned Saints and is currently a life member of the Missionary Society and Altar Guild; and

WHEREAS, Willie Mae was actively involved in the community with the Federation of Block Units and the National Council of Negro Women; and

WHEREAS, Willie Mae was a full time homemaker and enjoys her family, home, baking and gardening.

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to honor and recognize Willie Mae Long on the occasion of her 100th birthday, and we join her family and many friends in wishing her continued peace and happiness. We direct the Clerk of the Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to further prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.**

Introduced on the 11th day of January, 2008 by:

Honorable Joseph Roddy, Alderman 17th Ward

Adopted this the 11th day of January, 2008 as attested by:

Denise Watson-Wesley Coleman

Lewis E. Reed

Clerk, Board of Aldermen

President, Board of Aldermen

