

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 332**

**Caretta Darden**

**WHEREAS**, we pause in our deliberations to note the untimely passing of Caretta Darden; and

**WHEREAS**, Caretta Darden was born July 6, 1950 to the union of Lee and Delores Warren; and

**WHEREAS**, Caretta attended and received the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation at St. Mathews Catholic School; and

**WHEREAS**, Caretta had an enduring bond with her step-father Colonel Hampton Mays (Nick) who preceded her in death; and

**WHEREAS**, Caretta went on to Central High School and enhanced her education thru various training and enrichment opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, Caretta was athletic and a musician in the truest form; and

**WHEREAS**, Caretta had lungs of steel and enjoyed playing the soprano horn as she traveled the United States in competitions with the Lancer's Drum & Bugle Corp; and

**WHEREAS**, Caretta was mother to five children: Ramon L. Wright, (preceded her in death), Rona Wright-Taylor, Ronda Wright-Broderick, Julius James III and Aisha James and enjoyed being granny to Kaira, Nicolas, Raiven, Ramon II, Layla, Lacy, Julianna, Kenya, Nasir, Amir and Kair; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to her illness progression, Caretta was an inactive Board Member of the Lancer's Drum & Bugle Corp; and

**WHEREAS**, in her professional life Caretta gained numerous acknowledgements and certifications in her professional endeavors; and

**WHEREAS**, in her lifetime Caretta's talents contributed to numerous small, minority businesses growth and sustainability; and

**WHEREAS**, Caretta was employed with Bank of America as Senior Officer Operations Analyst and had a gift of building instant rapport with her customers; and

**WHEREAS**, Caretta fought a great battle with breast cancer and was an advocate for breast cancer research; and

**WHEREAS**, Caretta's zest for life was contagious and she was loved by many and will be missed greatly by her family.

**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 Caretta Darden 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 Darden family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 5th day of March, 2010 by:

**Honorable Charles Quincy Troupe, Alderman 1st Ward**

Adopted this the 5th day of March, 2010 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