

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 359**

**WHEREAS**, we pause in our deliberations to note the untimely passing of longtime St. Louis resident, Ruby Lee West, on March 12, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, Ruby was born on December 28, 1924 to the union of James & Bertha Beverly in Greensboro, Alabama. She was the second child of four children. Her father, mother, one son, one grandson and two brothers preceded her in death; and

**WHEREAS**, Ruby attended Lincoln Norman Public Schools in the state of Alabama. She accepted Christ as her personal Savior at an early age. She united with the Hopewell M.B. Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Cruz in Marion, Alabama at an early age and was baptized; and

**WHEREAS**, Ruby moved to St. Louis in 1946. She united in Holy Matrimony to John E. West in February 1953. They were happily married for 55 years and to this union two wonderful sons were born; and

**WHEREAS**, Mother West was a warrior for the Lord. In 1961, she united with Mt. Bethel M.B. Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Henry Williams, where she sang in the Mass Choir and remained as a faithful member for 30 years. She later united with West End Mt. Carmel M.B. Church under the leadership of the late rev. J.E. Turner, for 7 years she sang in the Senior Choir. In 1991, Mother West united with Friendly Temple M.B. Church under the leadership of the late Rev. R. F. Davis and served under Pastor Michael Jones until 2006. In 2006, she united with Northern Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Harold J. Butler where she remained faithfully; and

**WHEREAS**, anyone who knew Ruby, knew of her caring nature and spirit. She was a very humble and a sweet person. She will be missed dearly; and

**WHEREAS**, Ruby leaves to cherish her memory a devoted and caring husband, John West, one son, Bernard West, one sister; Mary Sanders of Marion, Alabama, Five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, five brothers-in-law; James (Mae) West Sr., Edward Curry, Ellis, Glendale and Willie West, three sisters-in-law, Elmora, Florida & Ruby Mae West, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends, Mother Banks, Betty Johnson, Mary Kelly and Mother Allen.

**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 Ruby Lee West 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 West family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 20th day of March, 2008 by:

**Honorable Jeffrey Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward**

Adopted this the 20th day of March, 2008 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