

RESOLUTION NUMBER 249
Ruble Hawkins Steele, Jr.

WHEREAS, we pause in our deliberations to note the untimely passing of lifelong St. Louis resident, Ruble Hawkins Steele, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Ruble Hawkins Steele, Jr. was born the eldest of six children on April 24, 1939 in St. Louis, MO to the union of the late Elder Ruble Hawkins Steele, Sr. and Lula Alice Steele growing up under the banner of the Church of God in Christ. He had three brothers, Lynn Carver (Hilda), Marvin Joseph (Kathy) and the late Arnold Ross as well as two sisters, Marlin Rae and Marilyn Sherr (Everett); and

WHEREAS, he was educated in the St. Louis Public School System. Ruble had a tremendous commitment to his community and country. He served his country as a member of United States Marines. He served his community through his career in law-enforcement. He gave twenty-five years of service with the City of St. Louis Police Department and retired from the St. Louis Lambert Airport Police Department. He achieved the rank of Sergeant and was recognized with numerous citations for service and bravery throughout his career; and

WHEREAS, he leaves to cherish his memory his adoring wife Roberta, eight children; Ruble H. Steele III, Robin Steele-Starks (Leon), Rosalind Wash (Darnell), Jacob Paeth, Jewitt Steele, Jennifer McClain, Jaime McClain and Kelly McClain. He also leaves behind his beloved 11 grandchildren, a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, and the many extended family and friends that loved him; and

WHEREAS, Ruble loved and took great pride in his family and their achievements. He was the family historian and had a great knowledge about the Steele family all over the country. He became for many across the United States a central hub of information and knowledge about the Steele family history; and

WHEREAS, Ruble had an unwavering commitment and pride in his family. He was the family's protector and defender which fit his personality perfectly. Whenever there was a family member or friend in need, Ruble, like his days on the force, was the first on the scene and through the door. He offered strength, love and quiet counsel. He will be truly missed

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 Ruble Hawkins Steele, Jr to the citizens of the City of St. Louis and we join with his many friends in expressing our sorrow at his 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 Steele family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 21st day of November, 2008 by:

Honorable Samuel L. Moore Alderman 4th Ward
Honorable Frank Williamson Alderman 26th Ward

Adopted this the 21st day of November, 2008 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney

Lewis E. Reed

Clerk, Board of Aldermen

President, Board of Aldermen