

RESOLUTION NUMBER 350
Ms. June McFarland

WHEREAS, we pause in our deliberations to note the untimely passing of longtime St. Louis resident, Ms. June McFarland; and

WHEREAS, Ms. June McFarland, Ms. June as she was affectionately known, was a 26th Ward, City of St. Louis resident at the apartment building located at 6070 Cates and was active in her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. June's loving personality inspired residents of the three story apartment building to become an extended family unit, wherein they used the courtyard to celebrate birthdays or for just being there for each other at the end of an ordinary day; and

WHEREAS, Ms. June was called Mother June by the young adult residents of 6070 Cates because she was an untiring force when it came to encouraging them with her words of wisdom and life experiences in order to obtain the skills necessary to compete in today's society so that they might overcome life's difficulties and disappointments; and

WHEREAS, in an early morning fire that raged through 6070 Cates, Ms. June made a conscience decision rather than to escape the blaze to go through the building knocking on doors to alert her extended family of the fire that seriously burned two residents, causing other residents that jumped to safety minor injuries and for treatment for smoke inhalation to a St. Louis City Firefighter; and

WHEREAS, Ms. June lost her life in the fire at 6070 Cates so that others might live. She has refreshed our memory to the Commandment to love thy neighbors as we love ourselves. Ms. June has displaced the apathy of urban living reminding St. Louis City residents to take the time to get to know their neighbors, to look out for one another's best interests and to make the City of St. Louis a great place to live and for Ms. June, a great place to die.

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 Ms. June McFarland 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 McFarland family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 12th day of March, 2009 by:

Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26th Ward

Adopted this the 12th day of March, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen