

RESOLUTION NUMBER 365

Lorenda Glass-Lewis

WHEREAS, we pause in our deliberations to note the passing of Lorenda Glass-Lewis on February 24, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Lorenda Glass-Lewis was born February 16, 1919 in Parkdale, Arkansas, one of eleven children born to the union of John and Rosie Parker; and

WHEREAS, in 1945 after moving to St. Louis with her husband, Peron Glass, and six of their eleven children, James, Jeremiah, Katherine, Willie Gray and Andrew; an additional six were born in St. Louis: Peron, Marjorie, Raymond, Alfred, Ella and Michael, began a career as entrepreneurs in the culinary industry; and

WHEREAS, in 1962 Lorenda and her husband Peron established the Country Kitchen Restaurant at 1400 Biddle Street which became a successful family owned and operated business and a much appreciated neighborhood asset; and

WHEREAS, Lorenda and her family expanded their business by opening a confectionary corner store, a pool and pinball machine hall and a shoe shine parlor located in the same block of Biddle Street; and

WHEREAS, Lorenda was an outstanding member of the business community and her businesses were a valuable presence in the Carr Square Neighborhood and the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, Lorenda and her family businesses provided free meals to the less fortunate, as well as, to the local district police officers; and

WHEREAS, Lorenda and her family businesses provided safe haven and after school recreation to the local neighborhood children; and

WHEREAS, Lorenda Glass-Lewis will be greatly missed by her seven living children, forty-five grandchildren, one hundred and twenty-five great-grandchildren, sixty-five great-great grandchildren and three great-great-great grandchildren; and her countless friends and admirers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that, on behalf of the St. Louis Community, we pause to remember the many contributions of Lorenda Glass-Lewis 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 the Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a memorial copy of presentation to the Glass-Lewis family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 2nd day of March, 2010 by:

Honorable April Ford-Griffin, Alderwoman 5th Ward

Adopted this the 5th day of March, 2010 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

