

RESOLUTION NUMBER 61
Emeritus Mother Earlie King

WHEREAS, we pause in our deliberations to note the untimely passing of longtime St. Louis area resident, Emeritus Mother Earlie King; and

WHEREAS, Emeritus Mother Earlie King was born on October 5, 1937 in Meridian, Mississippi to RJ & Minnie Lee Johnson. Both parents, one grandson Christopher T. King and her husband, Emeritus Pastor Cleo King preceded her in death. Mother King, was the matriarch of the family and the oldest of six children, Robert, Walter, Luvenia, RV and Clara. She was affectionately known as “Chick;” and

WHEREAS, she was baptized at an early age and love to sing a joyful noise unto the Lord. After graduating from high school, she moved to St. Louis and joined Newstead Baptist Church. The young Mrs. Earlie met and married the widowed Cleo King in 1963. After marrying Mr. King, she joined Union Tabernacle and served faithfully in the choir. She help raised two of his children Damita and Fernanadez and embraced his children, Alvin and Harriet. They soon added four more children to the family; DeFreitas, Ogreita, Everett and Angela. Mother King in her loving way raised her children not to say stepsister or brother but to love equally. She worked diligently with her husband to form the Siloam Missionary Baptist Church where she passionately served beside him ministering to God’s people for over 25 years; and

WHEREAS, she retired from Dobbs House (TWA) - Dobbs International Services, Inc., after a successful career of 27 years. She lived a life of devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ and was a faithful member of the Berean District Wives and Widows organization. Her passion in life was to serve the Lord with gladness of heart, fulfilling his purposes for her life and encouraging others to do the same. She was a faithful wife, mother, Sunday School teacher, spiritual leader, counselor and prayer warrior; a mighty woman of God, who loved her family. She always delighted to have family gatherings where she shared her love for the Father. Even through her sickness her faith remained steadfast and unmovable. She touched so many lives, in so many ways. She will be missed greatly by everyone who knew her; and

WHEREAS, Mother Earlie King departed this life on May 2, 2010 at 3:00am. She leaves to cherish her memories: her children, DeFreitas, Ogreita, Everett (Michelle), Angela (Charles), Damita, Fernandez (Cereatha) of Arlington, Texas, Alvin Higginbottom, and Harriet of Los Angeles; two sisters, Luvenia and Clara (Tommie); three brothers, Robert (Louvade), Walter (Jeanette) and RV(Cora); 14 Grandchildren, Andre (Marni), Lashawna, India, Antwon, Jordan, Christian (Henry), Erica, Natasha, Jazmine, Charnelle, Chasidy, Omina, Malik and Precious; 9 great-grandchildren; the Siloam Church family and a host of sister-in-laws, brother-in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

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 Emeritus Mother Earlie King 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 King family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 7th day of May, 2010 by:

Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward

Adopted this the 7th day of May, 2010 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen