

RESOLUTION NUMBER 112
Mrs. Ella Mae Beatrice Carter Buckner

WHEREAS, we pause in our deliberations to note the untimely passing of St. Louis resident, Mrs. Ella Mae Beatrice Carter Buckner; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Buckner is preceded in death by her husband, George Albert (Sully) Buckner Jr.; her parents, Amanda & Isaiah Carter; her brothers, Ernest, Louis and Lester Carter; her sisters, Delilah White, Genevieve Montgomery, Thelma Carter; and granddaughter, La Keisha R. Carr; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Buckner was an alumna of Sumner High School. As she was raising her family, she assumed several leadership roles at her children's schools; President, Mother's Club, Parent Teachers Association, and team captain for many fundraisers. She was also an effective leader in the community with such projects as the Mothers March on Polio, Veterans of Foreign Wars, organizing Christmas Baskets for Pruitt-Igoe families, ballgames for neighborhoods, and other community projects. During this period, she became a Cub Scout leader at All Saints Episcopal Church to afford Eric and George the opportunity to become actively involved in scouting. Her role in the Cub Scout troop was a travel coordinator and she spearheaded troop trips to California (Disneyland), Florida (Disneyworld), Wisconsin (Dells), Washington D.C. (historical sites) and local entities; and

WHEREAS, when her granddaughter, La Keisha, became ill, Mrs. Buckner accompanied and lived with her in New York while she underwent treatment. She followed her to St. Louis for additional treatment, becoming one of her primary caregivers; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, Ella Mae Buckner had been a significant member of her church. She was baptized at the Fifth Baptist Church as a young girl and later joined and was confirmed at All Saints Episcopal Church in December 1958. She was an active member of All Saints Episcopal Church for 49 years before her death. Subsequently, she had been a fundraising magnet; particularly with her flea markets held on the corner of St. Louis and Kingshighway Avenues. Additionally, she coordinated trips to "Our Lady of the Snow" in Illinois, Silver Dollar City, Missouri, and other scenic areas; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Buckner loved traveling, visiting many states and sites in the US, as well as Jamaica, Mexico, Canada and South America. She also lived in Europe for 6 months with her daughter and her family; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Buckner is survived by her two daughters and one son, E. Barbara J. Carr, Janet L. Hargrove, and George Albert (wife, Darlene) Buckner III; her six grandsons: Richard L. (wife, Averil) Carr, Jr., Eric A. (wife, Camille) Carr, Sr., George Albert (wife, Kagera) Buckner IV, Jason R. Hargrove, Albert Myles and Allen Nyles Buckner; her five great grandchildren, Cheandra T. Carr, Quintin A. Carr, Dorian M. Carr, Eric A. Carr Jr. and Charity Buckner and a host of 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 Mrs. Ella Mae Beatrice Carter Buckner 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 Buckner family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 7th day of August, 2009 by:

Honorable Charles Quincy Troupe, Alderman 1st Ward

Adopted this the 7th day of August, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen