

RESOLUTION NUMBER 177
First Lady Armilia Speed

WHEREAS, First Lady Armilia Speed was born in St. Louis on October 22 to the union of Augustus and Artie Mae Holman, Sr. She is the wife of Bishop Dr. Reginald C. Speed, Sr. and they have been married for 41 years. She serves as the head of True Gospel Temple Woman's Ministry. She graduated from Beaumont High School and attended Harris Stowe College. First Lady Speed is the "Queen of Elegance and Class;" and

WHEREAS, First Lady Speed was born and raised in the 23rd and Delmar Church, which is now known as Bostick Temple; and

WHEREAS, First Lady Speed is the mother of two faithful children, Lakita Speed and Reginald C. Speed, Jr. She has one beautiful daughter-in-law, Darlene Speed, and three handsome grandsons, Donte' Speed, Armon Speed and Joshua Speed; and

WHEREAS, First Lady Speed is not only a great family planner and encourager, but her business savvy has always been a strong asset as well. When the church was formed, Bishop Augustus Holman, Sr. appointed her the Church Treasurer. First Lady Speed's financial skills, along with her faith and trust in God, have been very instrumental in True Gospel Temple Church possessing the land where it sits; and

WHEREAS, First Lady Speed is the founder of the Women of Excellence Ministry at True Gospel Temple Church. She serves as the Assistant National Mother of the Pure Gospel Interdenominational Fellowship, under the Leadership of Apostle Edward G. Holman, Sr. and Apostle Overseer Debora Holman; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of First Lady Speed and Bishop Speed, True Gospel Temple goes into the community to witness in the neighborhood and assist in feeding the hungry in Old North St. Louis. True Gospel Temple opened a center for individuals to obtain their GED and several individuals in the community have completed the program and received their GED.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the accomplishments of First Lady Armilia Speed 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 commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 30th day of October, 2009 by:

Honorable April Ford-Griffin, Alderwoman 5th Ward

Adopted this the 30th day of October, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen