

RESOLUTION NUMBER 275

Mrs. Marjorie Ellen Bosley

WHEREAS, we pause in our deliberations to note the untimely passing of lifelong St. Louis resident, Mrs. Marjorie Ellen Bosley; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her parents, Mrs. "Marge" Bosley departed this life Wednesday December 31, 2008. She transitioned peacefully at home surrounded by many family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Marjorie Ellen Bosley was born to the union of Melvin and Minnie Robertson on July 7, 1935 in St. Louis, Missouri. Marjorie attended Simmons Elementary School and graduated from Sumner High School in 1952. After high school graduation she attended Stowe Teachers College; and

WHEREAS, in 1953, Ms. Robertson married Freeman Bosley, Sr. and to this union two children were born, Freeman Jr. and Pamela Marge. Mrs. Bosley accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized in 1946 at Antioch Baptist Church. She later became a member of Good Samaritan Church (Samaritan United Methodist Church). In 1993, her son, Freeman, Jr. was elected the first African-American, St. Louis City Mayor; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bosley was employed with the United States Government. In 1990, she retired from the federal government after many years of faithful service. Immediately prior to her illness, she was employed at the Missouri Circuit Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bosley loved the Lindell Park neighborhood where she served as its block captain and secretary for many years. She was a quiet leader in her community. As the mother of the first African American Mayor of the City of St. Louis, Mrs. Bosley never met a stranger. She was strong yet affable, warm and compassionate; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bosley's two favorite past times were shopping at thrift and antique stores for collectibles and international travel. World travel, in her words, was her "therapy." Her travels took her to Germany, Egypt, China, Paris, Greece, Bahamas, Jamaica, Cancun, Italy, London, Rome and Morocco to name just a few places. Indeed, Marge loved to travel; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bosley also had a gift for the arts. She loved to decorate and to design beautiful things. Her gifts were exhibited throughout her home and in the community as evident by the design of her block's brick and wrought iron cul-de-sac; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bosley leaves to cherish her precious and loving memory: her husband Freeman Bosley, Sr.; her beloved children, Freeman, Jr. and Pamela; one sister, Gloria Reeves; one son-in-law, Stephen Byes; one daughter-in-law Darlynn (Lynne); two very special grandchildren, Stephen Bosley Byes II and Sydney Bosley; two great grandchildren, Stephen Bosley Byes III and Justice Byes; two very special friends and neighbors, Mattie Johnson and Hattie Howard; as well as a host of in-laws, cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives 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 Marjorie Ellen Bosley 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 Bosley family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 2nd day of January, 2009 by:

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

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Adopted this the 2nd day of January, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

