

Resolution Number 45
Ms. Laverne D. Holliday

WHEREAS, Ms. LaVerne D. Holliday was called home to her eternal mansion when God dispatched his angels to receive her on Wednesday June 3, 2015; and

WHEREAS, LaVerne was born in St. Louis, Missouri on February 26, 1956 to Wright & Rose Z. Holliday. Sadly both parents preceded her in death; and

WHEREAS, she confessed her hope in Christ at an early age. LaVerne was raised in Pagedale, Missouri with her loving mother, sister and 3 brothers. She was a free spirit and believed she could accomplish anything in her life. She was fondly known as “Star”; and

WHEREAS, LaVerne was an excellent writer and worked in several positions: substitute teacher, Board of Election Commissioners City of St. Louis-City Counselor’s Office and as a DJ with WSIE 88.7 SIU-Edwardsville and 97.1 Clear Channel Broadcasting; and

WHEREAS, LaVerne was educated in the St. Louis Public School System. A graduate of Normandy High School, she attended Tennessee State University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology; Washington University with a Master’s Degree and St. Louis University where she studied Law; and

WHEREAS, LaVerne’s talents did not end there. She promoted new jazz artist and their music. Always on stage at summer concerts at the Missouri Botanical Gardens as the Master of Ceremony and she did some modeling; and

WHEREAS, LaVerne leaves to cherish her memory; one sister, Ms Sandra M. Gipson (Ronald), three brothers: Leon Holliday, Gerald Holliday and Lamar Holliday, three aunts: Ms. Penny Rocket (Joe), Ms. Ruth Banks (Derek) Chicago, IL and Ms. Minnie Miles Chicago, IL. Six “Shotwell” Uncles: Curtis, Peyton, Charles (Pat), Sam “Boe”, Perry (LaVerne), and L.T. Shotwell. Two very special nephews: Ryan & Michael Gipson and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, friends and her extended family members.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to remember the many accomplishments and contributions of Ms. LaVerne D. Holliday 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 Holliday family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 12th day of June, 2015 by:

Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26th Ward

Adopted this the 12th day of June, 2015 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

