

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of gospel singer-songwriter Genetter Bradley.

RESOLUTION NO. 21674, July 16, 2024

INTRODUCED BY DaRon McGee, County Legislato

WHEREAS, Genetter Bradley, a beloved Kansas City Gospel recording artist, singer-songwriter, and former business owner, passed away and will be honored at a service to be held July 20, 2024, at Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church; and,

WHEREAS, Genetter was the fourth of five daughters born to Ernest and Elnora McCluney, who nurtured her early love for singing, leading to the formation of the McCluney Sisters singing group at the age of three; and,

WHEREAS, tutored by her cousin, Sister Bethina Byers, Genetter and her sisters performed at various churches around Kansas City, instilling in her a deep love for worship services; and,

WHEREAS, Genetter vowed to God that if given the ability to deliver His message through song, she would never cease to give Him the glory, honor, and praise, a promise she faithfully kept throughout her life; and,

WHEREAS, Genetter joined Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church at the age of eleven, where she became a dedicated and active choir member, teaching the song "We Are Soldiers in the Army" to a young choir that she would remain a part of for over fifty years;

and,

WHEREAS, Genetter traveled extensively with the Kansas City Melody-Aires, performing in renowned venues such as the Apollo Theater in Harlem, New York, and the Metropolitan Opera House in Philadelphia, solidifying her belief that dreams can only reach fruition when aligned with God's will; and,

WHEREAS, Genetter's illustrious career included touring with famous groups such as the Staple Singers and The Caravans, securing recording contracts with Simco Records and Peacock Records; and,

WHEREAS, in 1974, introduced by Shirley Caesar, Genetter recorded her first album, "Moving in the Right Direction," with her group "Genetter Bradley and the Bradley Singers"; and,

WHEREAS, in the 1980s, she served as the director of the Music Department at Mt. Pleasant, developed the Music and Arts Seminar showcasing national artists, and recorded the album "Behind A City United as One" with the Seminar Choir; and,

WHEREAS, Genetter's contributions to the Gospel music community, her church, and her city have left an indelible mark on all who knew her, and her unwavering faith and dedication to her craft have inspired countless others; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri that the Legislature hereby honors the life and accomplishments of Genetter Bradley, celebrates her profound impact on the Gospel music community, and extends heartfelt condolences to her family, friends, and all who were touched by her extraordinary talent and spirit.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan Covinsky
Bryan Covinsky (Jul 11, 2024 09:47 CDT)
County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21674 of July 16, 2024, was duly passed on July 16, 2024 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 8

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 1

7-16-2024
Date

Mary Jo Spino
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature