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Resolution No. 2018-05
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TROY, ILLINOIS
HONORING THE LIFE AND MORNING THE DEATH OF MAYOR VELDA ARMES

Adopted by the City Council
of the City of Troy, Illinois
This 16TH Day of April, 2018.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2018 - 05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TROY, ILLINOIS,
HONORING THE LIFE AND MOURNING THE DEATH OF
MAYOR VELDA ARMES**

WHEREAS, the Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer, members of the City Council, staff and employees of the City of Troy, Illinois, are saddened by the death of our dear friend and colleague, Mayor Velda Armes, who passed away on March 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Velda Loretta (nee Jackson) Armes, 80, of Troy, was born August 29, 1937 in Corning, AR, and married Connie Armes on May 19, 1957; and, together, they raised a daughter Karen and son Kevin, moving to Troy in October 1968; and

WHEREAS, Velda Armes appreciated the value of education, having earned a Bachelor's and Master's Degree from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, and having served as an educator for 21 years in physical education for the Triad School District; and

WHEREAS, Velda Armes served two terms as President of the Triad Teacher's Union, during which she assisted in the successful passage of an educational tax referendum in April 1980, and additionally, she served as a State Delegate to the Illinois Education Association and a National Delegate to the National Education Association; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 1980, Mayor Carl Taake appointed Velda Armes to Troy City Council, marking the appointment of the first female Alderman in the City's history and filling the vacant Ward 2 seat previously held by Alderman Alan Dunstan; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 1981, Velda Armes was elected by the voters of Ward 2 to the Council, and was re-elected to new terms in 1983 and 1987, and she served as Chairman of the City's Economic Committee, led the establishment of a licensing process for City businesses; and

WHEREAS, in July 1986, Hall of Fame St. Louis Cardinals broadcaster Jack Buck named Velda Armes as Chairperson of the Gateway Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's "Bike-a-Thon" to be held in Troy, and, in January 1988, Velda Armes was elected as the Chairman of the Economic Development Committee of Southern Illinois; and

WHEREAS, on April 4, 1989, Velda Armes was elected Mayor of Troy, and she was sworn into the office on May 1, 1989; and

WHEREAS, in the next eight years, Mayor Velda Armes oversaw growth in the City's economy and changes in the City organization, including: the opening of

Schuette's Grocery Store and Jack In The Box restaurant, a multi-million-dollar expansion of water services and distribution, as well as the remodeling of City Hall, the creation of a City Administrator position and the construction of a new intersection light at Route 162 and Riggins Road, the celebration of Zip Code Day on 6/22/94, the construction of the Super 8 motel, Taco Bell and Hardee's restaurants, the initiation of the use of Tax Increment Financing as an economic development tool for the City of Troy, the construction of a new sewer plant, and expansion of the municipal City Hall facility; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Mayor Velda Armes was the Democratic Nominee for the Office of State Representative – 110th District; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Velda Armes served as a Vice President of the Illinois Municipal League, President of the Southwestern Illinois Council of Mayors, a member of the Southwestern Illinois Metropolitan Planning Commission, a member of the East/West Gateway Coordinating Council of Governments, a member of the I-70 Growth Association, a member of the Southern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission, and locally she was an active member of the Women's Club of Troy, the Troy Chamber of Commerce and Collinsville Church of Christ, and she sponsored the 1998 reorganization of the Troy Area Jaycees; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Velda Armes is survived by her husband, Connie Armes of Troy, IL; daughter, Karen (Dale) Mollet of Troy, IL, son, Kevin (Diana) Armes of Austin, TX; four grandchildren, Adam (Megan) Mollet, Sara (Tim) Duncan, Nathan (Kaysie) Armes, and Bradan Armes; five great-grandchildren, brother Melvin Jackson of Paragould, AR; and

WHEREAS, the life of Mayor Velda Armes was celebrated, memorialized, and remembered, through a funeral service on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, at Collinsville Church of Christ, with Rev. Terry Mabery and Rev. Kelvin Pugh officiating.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: The City Council of the City of Troy, Madison County, Illinois, mourns, along with her husband, family and friends, the passing of former Mayor Velda Armes, and communicate our deepest sympathies to her husband Connie and her two children, Karen and Kevin.

SECTION TWO: The City Council of the City of Troy, Madison County, Illinois, provides that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Mayor Velda Armes as a symbol of our sincere sympathy and thanks for her sixteen years of elected service to the community.

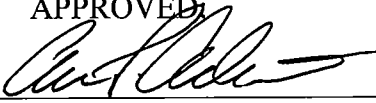
PASSED by the City Council of the City of Troy, Madison County, Illinois, approved by the Mayor, and deposited in the office of the City Clerk this 16th day of April, 2018.

Those voting aye: Henderson, Italiano, Jackson, Levo, Partney, Thompson, Turner and Zarzecki.

Those voting nay: _____

Those absent: _____

APPROVED:

By: 
ALLEN P. ADOMITE, Mayor
City of Troy, Illinois

ATTEST:

BY: 
JAMIE MYERS, Clerk
City of Troy, Illinois



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