

Resolution Number 51

Vashon High School Government Civics Program

WHEREAS, 50 civics students from Vashon High School have received recognition for a unique educational experience establishing a program bringing a broad foundation with the explicit intention of teaching students about government, encouraging advocacy, and recognizing student voice; and

WHEREAS, this government civics program was developed by Vashon civics teacher Mark Kassen, co program instructor Kenya Mayho and President of the Board of Aldermen Lewis Reed acknowledging their commitment to education by creating a goal of a stronger St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, the Vashon High School Civics Program met throughout the school year with legislators from the city and the state, including Aldermen Freeman Bosley Sr., Alderwoman Marlene Davis, State Senator Jamilah Nasheed and Mary Wheeler from the St. Louis Board of Elections, who registered and swore in four students to vote in the next election; and

WHEREAS, the strategy for achieving its purposes is to teach and create the next generation of educated community residents instructing public engagement and develop their appreciation for community renewal; and

WHEREAS, the goal is to revitalize St. Louis through education by creating culture and community, bringing teachers and government educators to city schools and developing classroom exchange.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Vashon High School civics teacher Mark Kassen, co-program instructor Kenya Mayho and the Vashon High School Civics Program and wish them continued success. 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 May, 2014 by:

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

Adopted this the 30th day of May, 2014 as attested:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen