

Resolution Number 12

James L. Bell

WHEREAS, we pause today in our deliberations to express our sense of appreciation and congratulations to James Bell for his many years of service to the youth in our community and throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, James Bell is the President of B&B Productions, a company that promotes music and art that highlights key African Americans throughout history; and

WHEREAS, from 1999-2002, James sponsored and oversaw “Project Nehemiah”, a massive neighborhood clean-up effort with the young adults of St. Alphonsos “Rock” Church; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, James partnered with St. Louis Children’s Hospital to make their five-year Playground Initiative a reality; he organized volunteers, donated construction materials, provided numerous hours of labor, and supplied music equipment and refreshments for the final day; and

WHEREAS, since 1992 James Bell has coached, and continues to coach baseball to the boys and girls of Mathews-Dickey; in addition to coaching baseball, James’ true passion is boxing. At age 12, James began boxing at the Pagedale 4-H Boxing Club where he learned a great deal about life; the club was a stabilizing force in his neighborhood and would lay the groundwork for who he is today: a trainer for young boxers, a judge with Ozark USA Boxing Association, a life-coach to his own children, and a pillar in his neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, James has received many awards for his achievements including the “Yes I Can” Award from the St. Louis Metro Sentinell (2006), the Outstanding Entrepreneur from the Human Development Corporation (2005), and the Dr. Cleveland Hammonds, Jr. Memorial Award from Mathews-Dickey (2013); and

WHEREAS, James is an outstanding example of an individual who is committed to the vision of a better City and is willing to personally dedicate himself to our youth regardless of the time and effort needed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and applaud James L. Bell for his tireless efforts to mentor, coach, and counsel our city’s youth over the past two decades. 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 8th day of May, 2015 by:

Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26th Ward

Adopted this the 8th day of May, 2015 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen