

**RESOLUTION NO. 26**  
**Mrs. Rowena Evans**

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that after 35 years of dedicated service in the field of education, Mrs. Rowena Evans will be retiring on May 31, 2017, from Earl Nance Sr. Elementary School; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Evans has provided 35 years of service in the field of education as a kindergarten teacher in the St. Louis Public School District; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Evans was bestowed the honor of receiving The Pettus Foundation 2013-2014 Award for Excellence for recognizing a teacher who inspires students to achieve and who has the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues; she also received the Apple for the Teacher Award; and

**WHEREAS**, in her spare time, she participates as a member of the Olivet Missionary Baptist Church; Mrs. Evans uses her talents to sing with the choir here and teach Vacation Bible School; she enjoy sewing and making costumes for the church performances; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Evans is a loving wife of 22 years to Keith Evans; a loving mother to 6 adult, successful, independent children; a caring parent to KayBee, a toy poodle; and was a compassionate caretaker for her mother for 13 years until she passed away in January; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Evans attended Harris-Stowe State University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Education and Specialized Early Childhood, as well as National Louis University, where she earned a Master of Education Degree; she is a proud graduate of Vashon High School; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Evans offers the following advice to her colleagues, “Work hard, but prepare for your retirement, get an annuity and don’t stop contributing to it. You will come out on top. No matter what, don’t give up. No matter what obstacles get in your way, keep your faith, and God will see you through;” and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Evans says, “I have seen my kindergartners grow up to be adults. One of my former students now has a child at Nance and shares how much he enjoyed being in my class. It warms my heart that my students remember me fondly.”

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate Mrs. Rowena Evans for her many years of service to students throughout St. Louis and we wish her peace and happiness in her retirement 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 this 25th day of May, 2017, by:

**The Honorable Dionne Flowers, Alderwoman 2nd Ward**  
**The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen**  
**The Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward**  
**The Honorable Tammika Hubbard, Alderwoman 5th Ward**

**The Honorable Stephen Conway, Alderman 8th Ward**  
**The Honorable Larry Arnowitz, Alderman 12th Ward**  
**The Honorable Beth Murphy., Alderwoman 13th Ward**  
**The Honorable Carol Howard, Alderwoman 14th Ward**  
**The Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward**  
**The Honorable Marlene E. Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward**  
**The Honorable John Muhammad, Alderman 21st Ward**  
**The Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward**  
**The Honorable Joe Vacarro, Alderman 23rd Ward**  
**The Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26th Ward**  
**The Honorable Pam Boyd, Alderwoman 27th Ward**

Adopted this 25th day of May, 2017, as attested by:

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Donna Evans-Booker  
Assistant Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen