

**RESOLUTION 34**  
**THE JOSEPH HENRY WHITE**  
**MCKINLEY HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM**

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Louis Board of Aldermen would like pause in their deliberations to recognize the naming of the Mckinley Heights High School gymnasium in honor of Joseph Henry White; and

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Henry “Jo Jo” White was a graduate of the Saint Louis Public Schools; he was recognized as one of the premier professional basketball players of all time; White started his legendary basketball career at Vashon High School, where the basketball team won district finals and competed in the 1963 state tournament; and

**WHEREAS**, Upon the district’s closure of the Vashon High location on Laclede Avenue in 1963, White transferred to McKinley High School, where he continued to hone his tremendous skills and was a leader on a Public High League winning teams; and

**WHEREAS**, White was a two-time All-American at the University of Kansas and a standout point guard for the Boston Celtics with whom he shared in two NBA championships, 1974 and 1976, and was named MVP in 1976; and

**WHEREAS**, White helped lead the USA team to the men’s basketball gold medal in the 1968 Summer Olympics and was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 2015; White’s battle with a brain tumor, and dedication to helping others, led him to form the Jo Jo White Foundation in September 2012 to raise resources for efforts to cure brain cancer; on January 16, 2018, at the age of 71, Jo Jo White passed away; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Jo Jo White and his legacy and 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 30th day of May, 2018 by:

**The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen**  
The Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward  
The Honorable Marlene E. Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward

Adopted this 30th day of May, 2018 as attested by:

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Louis C. Galli  
Legal Counsel, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen