

Resolution Number 90
Delvion Mitchell

WHEREAS, the Jeff-Vander-Lou neighborhood exists as one of the City of St. Louis' most historic neighborhoods, where organizations residents, and community leaders have continued to collaborate to pursue its continued revitalization; and

WHEREAS, the Fresh Starts Community Garden continues to serve as a positive amenity in the Jeff-Vander-Lou neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Community Renewal and Development, Inc. through a partnership with SLATE was able to hire two, young, African American men in the summer of 2015 to work in the Fresh Starts Community Garden; and

WHEREAS, the legendary Ms. Rosie Willis, garden manager of Fresh Starts, supervised, trained, mentored, and sometimes spoiled these two young men; and

WHEREAS, the media and other communications outlets often portray young African American males in a negative light, these two men have defied these negative portrayals by being responsible, hard-working, civic minded individuals; and

WHEREAS, these two young men, despite the historic rivalry that exists between their high schools, Vashon and Sumner, were able to form a positive working relationship and shared mutual respect for each other; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to join the friends, residents, and community leaders of the Jeff-Vander-Lou neighborhood to recognize Delvion Mitchell and Anton Sykes for their maturity, commitment, and work ethic to the Fresh Starts Community Garden. We 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 21st day of August, 2015 by:

Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr., Alderman 3rd Ward
Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen

Adopted this 21st day of August, 2015 as attested by:

Donna Evans-Booker
Assistant Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen