

RESOLUTION NO. 94
Workforce High School

WHEREAS, the Workforce High School (WFHS) is a new and unprecedented workforce program and educational institution unlike any other in the country; it is the only 24 hour high school in the nation aimed at providing young adults between the ages of 17 to 21 years old with a second, third, or even fourth chance to obtain their high school diploma; the program's highly skilled staff members are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year to ensure that students achieve academic greatness and overcome any barriers that may be temporarily inhibiting their growth; and

WHEREAS, in December 2016, the SLATE American Job Center in partnership with St. Louis Public Schools took a leap of faith and navigated through the successful launch of the 24 hour high school; SLPS Superintendent Kelvin Adams and his team were eager to provide the city's students with a credible and commendable program to meet their educational, professional, and personal needs, and since its launch, WFHS has graduated three students and are expected to graduate five more in the upcoming months; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to facilitate student success and deliver stellar services and performance in a variety of areas to the youth, the program provides a high school curriculum and full access to instructors and educational mentors, along with a computer lab, educational resources, technical assistance, education mentorship and case management services to name a few; the program also has a very special partnership with the City of St. Louis-Division of Corrections to ensure that youth are on a path to legal prosperity and are civically engaged and involved in their community; and

WHEREAS, the overall goal of the program is to help young adults navigate their responsibilities at home, school, and in their current workplace and to ensure that our youth are highly competitive in regards to their education and career opportunities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Workforce High School and its commitment to the St. Louis community. 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 14th day of July, 2017, by:

The Honorable Marlene E. Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward

Adopted this the 14th day of July, 2017, as attested by:

Donna Evans-Booker
Assistant Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen