

RESOLUTION NO. 172
MR. ARTHUR "CHINK" WASHINGTON, JR.

WHEREAS, Mr. Arthur "Chink" Washington, Jr., was born on February 6, 1930, in Ralph, Alabama to the union of Arthur Sr., and Mary Washington, and at a very young age knew he was destined for public service and helping others; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Washington was educated in the Alabama public-school system, and moved to St. Louis early in his life, and in St. Louis he would go on to lead three successful businesses, including; Chink's Confectionery, which was located at Lexington Avenue and Vandeventer Avenue; Chink's Convenient Mart, which was located at Newstead Avenue and Kossuth Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Washington would go on to work for the St. Louis City Treasurer's Office as a top aide and administrator under Treasurer, The Honorable Larry C. Williams, a position that he would retire from; and

WHEREAS, for over twenty-five years, Mr. Washington served the 21st Ward as a Democratic Committeeman tirelessly working to increase voter engagement and participation, and during his tenure as Committeeman, the 21st Ward grew to become one of the highest voting wards in the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his duties as Committeeman, Mr. Washington was active as a Block Unit Captain and Neighborhood Association Chairperson, and diligently and vigorously served his community and the entire City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Washington was an outspoken advocate for North City, and a great supporter of organizations serving north-side communities including working as member of the Wesley House Association and the North Newstead Association, and was a faithful member of the Missouri Democratic Party;

WHEREAS, Mr. Washington, was a simple man - a man of the people, and a dedicated family man, he was an avid golfer and member of the Gateway Golf Club and Central State Golf Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Washington's kindness, energy and graciousness were abundant and generously shared greatly enriching the lives of those fortunate enough to know and work with him; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Washington leaves behind his wife, Consuelo D. Young Washington, who he was married to for nearly sixty years, and his four children; Ronald, Broderick, Steven, and Stephanie (Benbow); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Washington's true legacy lies in the profound effect he had on the countless men and women mentored and taught throughout his career.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Board of Alderman of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and express our gratitude for the many valuable contributions that Mr. Arthur "Chink" Washington Jr., made to his community and the City, and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution in the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a copy to be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced this day 2nd day of November, 2018 by:

Honorable John Collins-Muhammad, Alderman 21st Ward
Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

Adopted this 2nd day of November, 2018, as attested by:

Louis Galli
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen