

RESOLUTION NUMBER 196

Ruth Johnson

WHEREAS, Ruth Johnson moved to St. Louis from Aberdeen, Mississippi with her parents due to racial tensions; resided for many years in North St. Louis with caring, loving parents and neighbors who were guiding and encouraging and made St. Louis her lifelong residence. She attended St. Louis Public Schools (Cole Elementary and Sumner High School), Stowe Teachers College and the University of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson moved to Kingsbury Square in 1985, 30 years ago. She served on the Kingsbury Square Board of Directors as Vice President and President of the Board of Trustees, a member of the Hospitality Committee, and a member of the Entertainment Committee. She also served on the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council Board of Directors including serving as Secretary; volunteering to help lead the coordination of and neighborhood involvement in the annual Police and Firefighters Appreciation Luncheon since its first year, 1996; and

WHEREAS, she was an educator in the St. Louis Public Schools for 37 years teaching grades serving as an Elementary Teacher, a Remedial Math and Reading Specialist, an Instructional Coordinator, and Assistant Principal; has volunteered in volunteered in several elementary schools since retiring, including Hamilton, Carver, and Simmons Elementary; and is currently assisting children who need help in reading; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson has been a significant volunteer in many community organizations including the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA for more than 30 years; the Barnes Hospital Citizens' Advocates for Public Safety Committee; and

WHEREAS, she has been a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for 63 years, has volunteered on many committees, and presently serves on the Scholarship Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson has been able to give her time to these many causes due to the generous support of her wonderful husband, Herbert A. Johnson, married 62 years, her loving children Michael Keith Johnson and Deborah Marie Johnson, and her caring grandchildren Sean Michael Johnson, Joshua Daryle Noble, and Jasmine Noble; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson is proud to live in this community and is grateful for the dedication of the residents, city officials, volunteers, and others which has been instrumental in bringing the entire community together and has made the neighborhood stable and beautiful.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Saint Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the many contributions of Ruth Johnson by awarding the Neighborhood Steward Award in conjunction with the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council Martin Luther King Commemoration and show our appreciation for her many contributions to the City of Saint Louis 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's family at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 16th day of January, 2015 by:

Honorable Lyda Krewson, Alderwoman 28th Ward

Adopted this the 16th day of January, 2015 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen