

RESOLUTION 211
THROWING AND GROWING FOUNDATION
Honoring Daisy B. Edwards

WHEREAS, The Throwing and Growing Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that has been serving the North St. Louis Community for ten years with youth programs centered around an athletic success; a model that smoothly translates into the blueprint for a successful life; and

WHEREAS, Executive Director Myrle Mensey is an Olympic athlete and coach who founded the organization after recognizing a lack of youth and athletic programming for girls; and

WHEREAS, originally, The Throwing and Growing Foundation provided mentoring, educational, physical fitness and character development programs for organization in the St. Louis area; including the YMCA Downtown, The Youth and Family Center (YWCA), Human Development Corporation (HDC) and Innovation Concept Academy (Blewett). The foundation continues to receive requests for its unique programming organizations, but has worked toward transitioning into its own space; and

WHEREAS, on this day, Jan 3, 2019, The Throwing and Growing Foundation is honoring Daisy B. Edwards by dedicating and renaming its Fitness and Educational center in her name. Miss Daisy passed away on Oct. 3, 2018 at the age of 93 from a short illness; and

WHEREAS, Miss Daisy was a devoted officer of the foundation's Board of Directors, serving as financial Secretary for all 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Miss Daisy was very active in her community. She was a member of the St. Louis Art Museum, Missouri History Museum & Botanical Garden and Friends of Julia Davis Library. She was on the Mother Board of Greater Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church and a Member of the St. Louis Blues Society; and

WHEREAS, Miss Daisy was an outstanding athlete. She was a member of the Monsanto YMCA for 34 years and remained active. She was notably the Oldest female Thrower and Record Holder for the Missouri State Senior Olympics; earning 16 gold medals throwing the shot put, discus, javelin, and hammer throw from 2013-2017. She started her throwing career at age 87; and

WHEREAS, Miss Daisy will be remembered for her caring personality and making a difference in the lives of everyone she met. She was a ray of sunshine whenever she entered a room and she will be greatly missed, but never forgotten.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to join in with the honoring of Miss Daisy B. Edwards and recognize the 10th Anniversary of The Throwing and Growing Foundation. We applaud the foundation's fitness and education model for the Community of North St. 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 The Throwing and Growing Foundation at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on this the 2nd day of January, 2019 by:

The Honorable Pam Boyd, Alderwoman 27th Ward

Adopted on this the 2nd day of January, 2019 as attested by:

Louis Galli
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen