

RESOLUTION NUMBER 227

George Cotton

WHEREAS, we pause today to express our appreciation to the publishers of “A” Magazine and Michelle Magazine for their contribution to the Missouri History Museum’s African American History Collecting Initiative; and

WHEREAS, James E. Cotter, owner and publisher, along with co-publishers Carl Bruce and George Cotton, recognized a need in our community for information and opportunities for young and experienced models, graphic designers, artists, and writers; and

WHEREAS, in their desire to expand creative dialogue they joined together to showcase their individual talents by designing and publishing magazines offering recent news, stories on fashion, education, health, and numerous other topics of interest; and

WHEREAS, they sought to empower people to use words as a means of addressing differences in a productive and effective manner; and

WHEREAS, James Cotter, George Cotton, and Carl Bruce combined their many talents and years of experience to publish “A” Magazine and Michelle Magazine; James serves as editor in chief, while George is the voice behind the pages, and Carl brings the images behind the voice to life; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that James, George, and Carl are exceptional examples of St. Louisans who are extremely proud of their African American culture and are committed to empowering others by creating new dialogue that will continue to carry on the importance of all aspects of African American history.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we wish to thank James Cotter, George Cotton, and Carl Bruce for their contributions to the Missouri Historical Society’s African American History Collecting Initiative, and we pause in our deliberations to express our gratitude. 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 at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 1st day of April, 2016, by:

The Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman, 19th Ward

The Honorable Samuel Moore, Alderman, 4th Ward

The Honorable Dionne Flowers, Alderwoman, 2nd Ward

The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen

Adopted this 1st day of April, 2016, as attested by:

Timothy O’Connell
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen