

RESOLUTION NUMBER 252
Ms. Millicent Smith

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that after 32 years of dedicated service in the field of education, Ms. Millicent Smith retired on November 1, 2017 from Earl Nance Sr. Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Millicent Smith provided 32 years of service in the field of education as a Regular Classroom Teacher in the St. Louis Public School District; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Millicent Smith was bestowed the honor of receiving The Teacher of the Year from Clark Elementary School and Walbridge Elementary School recognizing her as a teacher who inspires students to achieve and who has the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Millicent Smith was a former Girl Scouts Troop Leader at Herzog Elementary School, recipient of numerous accommodation from the Metropolitan Police Department to include recognition for the GREAT Program, Do the Right Thing, and a personal visit from Chief Joseph Mokwa; and

WHEREAS, in her spare time, she loves to shop and read.

WHEREAS, Ms. Millicent Smith is a loving mother to 1 adult son, Michael M. Harper Jr., 4 young adult grandchildren Brianna Harper, Trequis Harper, Michael Harper III, and Arianna Harper. She is the granddaughter of Elizabeth Smith, 106 years of age, daughter of Vivian Riddle; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Millicent Smith attended Harris-Stowe State University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Education, as well as National Louis University, where she earned a Master of Education Degree. She is a proud graduate of McKinley High School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Millicent Smith offers the following advice to her colleagues, “It is not about the money it is about the children. I thought I would be able to save the world but I learned that saving as many children as we (educators) can makes it all worth it;” and

WHEREAS, Ms. Millicent Smith says, “I have seen many of my student’s transition from childhood to adulthood. They come back and tell me all the things I taught them while they were in my classroom. They tell me how much they enjoyed being in my class. It warms my heart that my students remember me fondly.”

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate Ms. Millicent Smith for her many years of service to students throughout St. Louis and we direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to further 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 15th day of March 2018 by:

Honorable Lisa Middlebrook, Alderwoman 2nd Ward

Adopted this the 15th day of March, 2018, as attested by:

Donna Elliot
Asst. Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen