

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 13**

***Tuskegee Airmen Sports Complex at Tandy***

**WHEREAS**, St. Louis City's Public High League, the St. Louis Rams, and the Anheuser-Busch Foundation, under the vision of Fourth Ward Alderman Sam Moore, have joined on this great occasion, for the renaming and groundbreaking of Tuskegee Airmen Field, Arthur Ashe Memorial Tennis Courts, Tuskegee Airmen Lane and George Dennis Brantley Way; and

**WHEREAS**, the new football field will sit across the street from Sumner High School, as a part of the Tandy Recreational Center; and

**WHEREAS**, Sumner High School opened in 1875 as the first high school for African American students west of the Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, the great Tuskegee Airmen were America's first African American military airmen; and

**WHEREAS**, Arthur Ashe was the first and only African American player to win the men's singles title at Wimbledon; and

**WHEREAS**, George Dennis Brantley served as Principal of Sumner High School for many years and helped mold many of Sumner's best and brightest; and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to recognize and bring together all of these great pioneering "firsts," the Public High League, the St. Louis Rams, and the Anheuser-Busch Foundation have come together to build a new state of the art field for Sumner High School and the surrounding community for the usage of football, soccer and other recreational activities, named Tuskegee Airmen Field, as we also celebrate the renaming of the tennis courts to Arthur Ashe Memorial Tennis Courts, and the renaming of the surrounding blocks of Kennerly and Cottage to Tuskegee Airmen Lane and George Dennis Brantley Way.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize this great collaboration and recognition of St. Louis history 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 at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009 by:

**Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen**  
Honorable Samuel L. Moore Alderman 4th Ward

Adopted this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen