

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 166**  
**St. Louis Dream Center**

**WHEREAS**, after an inspiring visit to the Los Angeles Dream Center, Dave and Joyce Meyer decided to expand their efforts to reach the hurting people in their own City of St. Louis. With the help of David and Shelly Meyer and a handful of committed volunteers, they planted the St. Louis Dream Center right in the heart of north St. Louis in the 21st Ward; and

**WHEREAS**, Adopt-A-Block, their first outreach, began as volunteers hit the streets each Saturday with rakes, lawn mowers, trash bags, and gifts. They cleaned up the neighborhood and served the people, but most importantly built lasting relationships with their neighbors. On Sunday, October 28, 2000, they held their first official church service for more than 300 people and have been growing ever since; and

**WHEREAS**, today the St. Louis Dream Center continues as a thriving, multi-cultural, urban church of nearly 1,000 people that is helping to change the face of the Penrose and O’Fallon neighborhoods. Every week they reach out to thousands of people through their Street Ministry, Adopt-A-Block, Nursing Home Ministry, Midnight Outreach, KidZJam, and Super Saturday programs, and after-school food giveaways to students at Ashland Elementary and Beaumont High School; and

**WHEREAS**, Joyce Meyer is one of the world’s leading practical Bible teachers. A *New York Times* bestselling author, her books have helped millions of people find hope and restoration through Jesus Christ; and

**WHEREAS**, through Joyce Meyer Ministries, she teaches on hundreds of subjects, has authored over 80 books and conducts approximately 15 conferences per year. To date, more than 12 million of her books have been distributed worldwide, and in 2007 more than 3.2 million copies were sold. Joyce also has a television and radio program, “Enjoying Everyday Life”, that is broadcast worldwide to a potential audience of 3 billion people.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the achievements and accomplishments of the St. Louis Dream Center and we thank them for their commitment to the citizens of the City of 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 our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 9th day of October, 2009 by:

**Honorable Antonio D. French, Alderman 21st Ward**

Adopted this the 9th day of October, 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