

RESOLUTION NUMBER 182
Safety Officer Torranna Burch

WHEREAS, we have been apprised of the bravery and courage exhibited by St. Louis Public Schools Safety Officer Torranna Burch; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Burch graduated from Cleveland ROTC in 1987 and has two children, a daughter, age 19 and a son, age 17; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Burch had several jobs but realized that she found helping others was more fulfilling, so she became a St. Louis Public Schools Safety Officer. Ms. Burch has worked at all grade levels; and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2009, Ms. Burch had an extremely challenging and devastating event occur, a shooting at Sumner High School. The only thing she could think of was the safety of the students who were in the school for after-school tutoring and sports practice. She proceeded to the area of where the gun shots were heard, while also directing the students to get down and out of sight; and

WHEREAS, she quickly discovered a young man laying down on the ground and immediately contacted her superior for back up. While waiting for back up to arrive, Ms Burch kept the student calm and as comfortable as possible; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Burch's main concern was for the safety of the students and she did not hesitate to perform her duty. Ms. Burch put her own life at risk to protect the students of Sumner High School.

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 courage shown by Safety Officer Torranna Burch and we wish her continued success, achievement and accomplishment 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 30th day of October, 2009 by:

Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward

Adopted this 30th day of October, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

