

Resolution Number 34

The Charles Sumner High School Class of 1965

WHEREAS, The Charles Sumner High School Class of 1965 will celebrate their 50th class reunion June 12-14, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Sumner High School opened in a downtown location in 1875. It was the first African American High School west of the Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, By the turn of the century, community leaders petitioned the Board of Education to move the school away from poolrooms and saloons of downtown to its present location, 4248 Cottage Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the school was named for Senator Charles Sumner, who in 1861 was one of the first politicians to call for emancipation; and

WHEREAS, since 1910, Sumner has served as a cornerstone for the historic neighborhood known as the Ville.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Alderman of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate the Sumner Class of 1965 as they celebrate their 50th class reunion and 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 the class at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 26th day of May, 2015 by:

Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward

Adopted this 26th day of May, 2015 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen