

**RESOLUTION NO. 53**  
**Homer G. Phillips School of Nursing Class of 1966**

**WHEREAS**, the Homer G. Phillips School of Nursing Class of 1966 is celebrating its 50th anniversary; and

**WHEREAS**, Homer G. Phillips Hospital, located at 2601 North Whittier, was the City's only hospital for African-Americans from 1937 to 1955, when City hospitals were desegregated; in 1919, it was originally named St. Louis City Hospital No. 2 for Colored (located at Garrison and Lawson), graduating its first nursing students in 1922; and

**WHEREAS**, it continued to serve the Black community until its closure in 1979; it was one of the few hospitals that trained Black doctors and nurses and by 1961 had trained the largest number of Black doctors and nurses in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Homer G. Phillips was known for the excellence of its nursing graduates: they are known as some of the finest, most impeccably trained nurses in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the Class of 1966 was the largest class enrolled in the Homer G. Phillips school of nursing, with 64 who enrolled, and was the largest graduating class, with 44 who graduated; and

**WHEREAS**, the Class of 1966 enrolled and graduated the first Black male nursing student, David Mitchell, who went on to serve in the Vietnam War; and

**WHEREAS**, the Class of 1966 has produced nurses that went on to be staff nurses, lead nurses, supervisors at local hospitals and health care centers, as well as many who went on to get a four-year degree; and

**WHEREAS**, we owe many thanks to the Homer G. Phillips School of Nursing Class of 1966 for its members' contributions to our world.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate the Homer G. Phillips School of Nursing Class of 1966 as it reaches its 50th anniversary. 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 at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced this 10th day of June, 2016, by:

**The Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward**

Adopted this 10th day of June, 2016, as attested by:

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Timothy O'Connell  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen