

RESOLUTION NUMBER 125
Mr. Desmond Arnez Harris, Sr.

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that on Tuesday, October 27, 2015, Mr. Desmond Arnez Harris, Sr. will be recognized by the residents of the Twenty-Second Ward with the presentation of the Good Neighbor Award; and

WHEREAS, Desmond has resided at 5563 Cote Brillante for the last 7 years with his grandmother, Juanita Marshal, who has lived in the neighborhood for 57 years; and

WHEREAS, Desmond graduated from Normandy High School in 1983 and University of Phoenix in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Desmond attends Mt. Bethel Missionary Baptist Church located at 1600 Belt Avenue where he has been a member for 25 years serving on the usher board, deacon training, church signage and runs the kitchen. He loves the Lord, helping others and has never met a stranger; and

WHEREAS, Desmond began volunteering with the Hamilton Heights Neighborhood Organization in 2012 with the Senior Food Program. He has already logged 108 volunteer hours for 2015. He has volunteered at the Community Picnic, Christmas parties and Better Block events. Desmond served as garden leader with Hamilton Heights' EduGarden Community Garden this year. Desmond, assembled garden beds, planted vegetables and flowers and loved on 21 garden beds which ultimately resulted in a variety of vegetables ranging from greens, tomatoes, okra, green beans, green onions, kale, sweet potatoes, cucumbers and corn.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and congratulate Mr. Desmond Arnez Harris, Sr. and we thank him for his voluntary efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City 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 for presentation to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 23rd day of October, 2015 by:

Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward

Adopted this the 23rd day of October, 2015, as attested by:

Donna Evans-Booker

Lewis E. Reed

Assistant Clerk, Board of Aldermen

President, Board of Aldermen