

RESOLUTION NUMBER 137

Jeyda Durham

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2013, Police Officers Sheena Moore and Adam Fairchild received a call to 1415 E. Grand Ave., for a “Recovered Article.” Responding Officers Moore and Fairchild arrived to the scene where they were met by Ms. Keena Durham; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Durham stated that she allowed two of her children, Jaseon Durham, 4, and Jeyda Durham, 8, went outside to play in the backyard. She advised five minutes later, her daughter, Jeyda came back inside the house and informed her that her Jaeson had found a gun in the backyard. Ms. Durham then hurried outside to determine if the gun was a toy; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Durham observed Jaseon holding what appeared to be a real gun in his hand. She told him to put the gun down and to come back inside, to which he complied. She contacted the police for assistance. The weapon proved to be a fully loaded semi-auto handgun; and

WHEREAS, because of the children’s action to advising their mother of the gun, the mother contacting the police department and turning the firearm over to them, it prevented an innocent child from being impaired or killed. It also removed another dangerous weapon off the streets; and

WHEREAS, Jeyda Durham is a third grader at Pond Elementary School in the Rockwood School District.

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 courageous actions of Jeyda Durham and we direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to further 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 11th day of October, 2013 by:

Honorable Dionne Flowers, Alderwoman 2nd Ward

Adopted this the 11th day of October, 2013 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen