

RESOLUTION NUMBER 223
Ida Goodwin Woolfolk

WHEREAS, we have been apprised of our City's great loss in the passing of Ms. Ida Goodwin Woolfolk on March 23, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Woolfolk is an icon in the St. Louis community; her sense of humor was legendary; she truly never met a stranger; and she was beloved by all who met her; and

WHEREAS, her special gift was to recognize the talents and gifts of others, even if they themselves could not recognize them, and to help others reach their potential; she was the quintessential mentor; and

WHEREAS, she worked always to build connections between people in our region, for the betterment of our society and its people; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Woolfolk was one of three daughters born to B.W. and Myrtle Goodwin; she was raised in the Ville neighborhood and was baptized in the historic Kennerly Temple Church of God in Christ, where she was a lifelong member; and

WHEREAS, she graduated from Sumner High School in 1961, where she was later inducted into the school's Hall of Fame, before going on to Stowe Teachers College; and

WHEREAS, she worked for more than four decades with the St. Louis Public Schools, first as an educator and counselor and eventually as a special assistant to the superintendent and a director of community engagement and partnerships; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Woolfolk also worked as an adjunct instructor at Harris-Stowe State University, Washington University, and Webster University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Woolfolk was instrumental in founding Heat-Up St. Louis and Cool Down St. Louis as well as the formation of the St. Louis chapter of Do the Right Thing; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Woolfolk has been recognized by or received awards from the St. Louis Argus and Sentinel Newspapers, the Annie Malone Family and Children Service Center, the Young Democrats, the Top Ladies of Distinction, Better Family Life, the St. Louis Aldermanic Black Caucus, the Missouri Black Legislative Conference (which awarded her the Gwen Giles Award), the Community Action Program (formerly called Human Development Corporations), Outstanding Young Women of America, and Who's Who in the Midwest, as well as many other groups; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Woolfolk has served as board chairman of Hopewell Health Center; Director of Education for the Churches of God in Christ, Eastern Missouri; president of the St. Louis Guild chapter of the Urban League; board chair of the Black World History Museum; a member of National Governance Team Links Inc.; a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; a member of the St. Louis Symphony's Community Outreach Advisory

Board; a member of the Paula J. Carter Charitable Foundation; a member of the Alzheimer's Minority Task Force; and a member of the University of Missouri Minority Scholarship Task Force; and

WHEREAS, we extend our condolences to Ms. Woolfolk's daughter, Sarah Woolfolk Edwards, her two grandsons, her sister Irene Graham, and a host of her family and friends.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to recognize the extraordinary life and service of Ms. Ida Goodwin Woolfolk, and we 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 presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 31st day of March, 2016, by:

The Honorable Marlene E. Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward
The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President, St. Louis Board of Aldermen
The Honorable Sharon Tyus, Alderwoman 1st Ward
The Honorable Dionne Flowers, Alderwoman 2nd Ward
The Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr., Alderman 3rd Ward
The Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward
The Honorable Tamika Hubbard, Alderwoman 5th Ward
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The Honorable Beth Murphy, Alderwoman 13th Ward
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The Honorable Joe Vacarro, Alderman 23rd Ward
The Honorable Shane Cohn, Alderman 25th Ward
The Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26th Ward
The Honorable Chris Carter, Alderman 27th Ward
The Honorable Lyda Krewson, Alderwoman 28th Ward

Adopted this the 31st day of March, 2016, as attested by:

Timothy O'Connell
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen