

RESOLUTION NUMBER 245
Treasurer Larry C. Williams

WHEREAS, on Sunday February 24, 2013, in observance of Black History Month and the 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, the Charles Sumner High School Alumni Association will host their 10th Annual Membership Round-Up. The event will recognize and honor the achievements of some of the City of St. Louis' African American "Firsts in Their Field" in various political and social positions/roles of distinction; and

WHEREAS, when former St. Louis City Treasurer Larry Williams took office in April 1981, he knew a formidable task lay ahead, not only to assure adequate parking, but also that of revitalizing the city; and

WHEREAS, Williams met with the Kiel Center Partners, all members of Civic Progress, and the result of that meeting was a partnership to construct a \$23 million 1,272-car garage at 1515 Clark Street. Besides the garage, the project included main truck ramps, loading docks, and the mandatory façade connecting the new facility to the historic opera house. This venture, completed in 1994, kept the St. Louis Blues from being sold and moving out of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, after acquiring the on garage on Broadway and Fourth Street and agreeing to stay in the city, the Federal Reserve initiated an \$80 million redevelopment plan to construct additional office space and a new pocket park-plus the Marquette Building was renovated into 82 condominiums and 40 apartments; and

WHEREAS, Williams turned to the Argyle Library and the 465-car garage at Lindell and Euclid. This was the result of a unique joint venture between the St. Louis Public Library and the Parking Division. Another Central West End development, the 28-story Park East Tower and Lofts built by Opus Northwest LLC at Laclede and Euclid, was built on land owned by the Parking Division. This project, started in 2002, was a joint venture between the Parking Division and the private sector; and

WHEREAS, the Parking Division's newest endeavor, the \$16 million Justice Center Parking Facility at the northeast corner of Tucker and Clark. This development incorporates 19,000 square feet with approximately 350 parking spaces on eight levels, and features 10,000 square feet of ground level retail space. The exterior has diamond vision boards and lighting to celebrate the St. Louis Cardinals, Blues and Rams, as well as holiday and community events.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Treasurer Larry Williams and we recognize his success, achievement and accomplishment 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 to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 8th day of February, 2013 by:

Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward

Adopted this 8th day of February, 2013 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen