

**Resolution Number 297**  
**Ann Hood**

*Whereas*, Ann Hood is an American novelist and author of thirteen books. Her essays and short stories have appeared in many journal and magazines and she is a regular contributor to the *New York Times*; and

*Whereas*, Hood earned her BA in English from the University of Rhode Island. She lived in Boston and St. Louis and later moved to New York City where she attended graduate school; and

*Whereas*, Hood's first novel, *Somewhere Off the Coast of Maine*, published in 1983, draws upon her own life as well as many of her other works; and

*Whereas*, Ann Hood, a wife and mother, has ventured off into writing for children at this point with the release of *Angel of the Battlefield #1 ( A Treasure Chest)* and *Little Lion (Book #2)* ; and

*Whereas*, Ann Hood is a faculty member in the MFA Creative Writing Program at the New School in New York City. She also teaches at New York University; and

*Whereas*, Ann had been the recipient of numerous awards including Paul Bowles Prize for Short Fiction, two Pushcart Prizes and a Best American Spiritual Writing Award; and

*Whereas*, on January 31, 2012, the staff, administration, parents and students of The McKinley Classical Leadership Academy will come together to recognize Ann Hood, who has shared her love for reading and writing through literature with our community.

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Ann Hood and to thank her for sharing her invaluable talent 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 27th day of January, 2012 by:

**Honorable Jennifer Florida, Alderwoman 15th Ward**

Adopted this the 27th day of January, 2012 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen