

*RESOLUTION NUMBER 77*

*WHEREAS*, janitors continue to perform work most Americans are unwilling to do and they do so in an environment unaccompanied by the luxuries afforded to others during normal business hours; and

*WHEREAS*, the janitors who clean our centers of business and government are the invisible workforce. Their arduous schedule, physical labor and commitment to professionalism often goes unseen by those who rely upon their service; and

*WHEREAS*, property managers, building owners and real estate developers heavily depend upon the people who provide janitorial services, yet most janitors earn just above poverty level wages with minimal or no benefits; and

*WHEREAS*, janitors have struggled for decades to advance their industry, raise wages and benefits, improve job security and bring dignity and respect to their profession; and

*WHEREAS*, The great people of the City of St. Louis recognize the contribution of the men and women in the janitorial profession who have helped to improve the quality of life for everyone and we support the effort to ensure that all janitors are treated with dignity, decency and respect.

*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 thank the janitors who have provided wonderful service, support and commitment to the people and businesses in the City of St. Louis 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 15th day of June, 2007 by:

**Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen**

Adopted this the 15th day of June, 2007 as attested by:

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Donna A. Booker  
Assistant Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen