

RESOLUTION NUMBER 37
Richard K. Gaines

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that Richard K. Gaines will soon be inducted into the Vashon High School Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, in 1922, a group of diligent citizens called The Central School Patron Association, with Rev. George Stevens, and several other community alliances started plans for a second high school that would be built and designated for African-American students. It was the culmination of struggles and sacrifices made for the sake of education and dedicated to the importance of that education and the battles to secure both civil and human rights for African Americans. Specifically, it was named for George Boyer Vashon (1824-1878), the very first African-American graduate of Oberlin College (Ohio) in 1844 and his son, John B. Vashon (1854-1924), an outstanding educator in the City of St. Louis for over 34 years; and

WHEREAS, Vashon High School seeks to honor its graduates who through their achievement and outstanding contributions to the community have distinguished themselves in the community-at-large; and

WHEREAS, the Thirteenth Annual Vashon High School Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 2, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in the Julius C. Dix Auditorium; and

WHEREAS, the criteria for nomination is that the inductee must be a graduate of Vashon High School whose graduation year is 1998 or before and the inductee should have made a notable contribution to the welfare and programs of Vashon and/or an exemplary or significant impact in some chosen field on the community; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Richard K. Gaines and we wish the honoree continued 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 30th day of April, 2010 by:

Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderman 19th Ward

Adopted this the 30th day of April, 2010 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen