

## RESOLUTION NUMBER 74

*WHEREAS*, This honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis has been apprised of the upcoming retirement celebration of Ms. Dorothy Jean Clancey Walker – Neals to be held this Saturday, June 9, 2007 beginning at 6pm at Soldan High School in the City of St. Louis; and

*WHEREAS*, Ms. Neals is a 1967 graduate of Soldan High School and was hired to work there by Mr. Paul Dobbs in January of 1972 and has taught there for over 32 years with only a short three year teaching stint at Roosevelt High School culminating in over 35 years of teaching in the St. Louis Public Schools; and

*WHEREAS*, Ms. Neals has a BS degree in History and Education; a MS degree in Political Science and additional graduate credit hours all from the University of Missouri at St. Louis; and

*WHEREAS*, During her many rewarding and challenging years of teaching Ms. Neals has sponsored mock trail teams for students, coordinated summer internship programs, sponsored cheerleading squads, citizen education experiences for students, coached field hockey teams and sponsored numerous other activities all designed to enrich and enhance the lives of students; and

*WHEREAS*, Over the years Ms. Neals has lead Soldan to its first Public High School League championship in Field Hockey in 1979 as well as two school championships in Tennis; and

*WHEREAS*, Ms. Neals' many talents, school involvement and student concern was also exhibited as the score keeper for school basketball and as sponsor of the Soldan year book for four years, and

*WHEREAS*, Ms. Neals is a woman of many talents and achievements including the Linda Myers Chozen Award for teaching civic education; American Legacy Award for superior teaching in African – American History in 2003; and the Apple for the Teacher Award from Iota Phi Lambda Sorority; and

*WHEREAS*, Ms. Neals' concern for the betterment of our community and the African – American Community in particular has lead her to encourage student civic involvement by involving them in training about government through hands on experiences and visits to government offices and has also lead Ms. Neal, since 1977, to ensure that eligible students were registered to vote empowering them to participate in the electoral process.

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* by the Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the retirement of Ms. Dorothy Jean Clancey Walker – Neals and by adoption of this resolution wishes to join in the festivities and congratulatory acts honoring Ms. Neal as she embarks on a new phase of life hopefully filled with lazy days of relaxation yet exciting and inspiring days of learning, development and community involvement and we direct the Clerk of this Board to prepare a commemorative copy of this Resolution 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 Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward

Adopted this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007 as attested by: