

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 94**  
**50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Arthur “Chink” and Consuelo Washington**

**WHEREAS**, 21st Ward Committeeman, Arthur “Chink” Washington, and his wife Consuelo Washington were married on January 30, 1960. They are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year; and

**WHEREAS**, the couple met when Mr. Washington returned home from military service and moved next-door to soon-to-be Mrs. Washington on Sullivan. According to Ms. Washington, she married the “boy next-door.” A week after their wedding, Mr. Washington turned 30. He celebrated his 80th birthday this year on Saturday February 6th, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. and Mrs. Washington have four children: Ron Washington, Broderick Washington, Steve Washington, and Stephanie Boenbow, and three grandchildren: Austin, Victoria, and Darrien. They still live in the house they bought in 1969 on Floriss Place in the 21st Ward; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Washington was one of the founding members of the 21st Ward Democratic Organization in 1963. That year the organization beat out the incumbent, electing the ward’s first African American committeeman. Mr. Washington has been active in the ward organization for the entire 50 years of its existence; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1976 Mr. Washington was elected to his first office, Constable. He was elected Democratic Committeeman in 1988 and has served the 21st Ward in this capacity for more than 20 years. Mr. Washington is proud of his reputation as a straight-shooter. He says, “You can’t be a politician unless you respect people;” and

**WHEREAS**, in 1978 Arthur Washington was appointed by Mayor James Conway to the airport commission, where he served until 1982. He was also appointed by then-Alderman Mike Jones to serve on a committee of the St. Louis Philanthropic Group; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Washington has worked for the City of St. Louis in the parking division of the Treasurer’s Office for 44 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Washington has owned numerous businesses in the 21st Ward over the years, including a shoeshine parlor, a cleaners, and a confectionary. In addition, he’s always been an avid golfer and has won multiple first place awards; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Consuelo Washington worked for 34 years for TWA. She was a pioneer in her industry, both as a woman and as an African American. She retired as a department manager in 2000. She was appointed by then-Governor Mel Carnahan as a commissioner with the Missouri Division of Tourism, where she served for 9 years. She’s been a member of the Amelians, a women’s service organization, for about 40 years. Over the years, Mrs. Washington has supported her husband’s political career and the 21st Ward Democratic Organization, while pursuing her own career and raising their daughter; and

**WHEREAS**, after 50 years of marriage, both Mr. and Mrs. Washington say that having respect for the other person is the key to a lasting relationship.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the 50th wedding anniversary of Arthur “Chink” and Consuelo Washington and wish them continued happiness 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 honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 28th day of May, 2010 by:

**Honorable Antonio D. French Alderman 21st Ward**

Adopted this the 28th day of May, 2010 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