

RESOLUTION NUMBER 103

Marvin Neals, Ph.D.

WHEREAS, Marvin Neals, Ph.D. is one of the most well-known coaches in Missouri. A St. Louis native and graduate of Sumner High School, he began his coaching career in 1969 as an assistant at Vashon High, moving on to Soldan in 1972, where he was head coach for eighteen years. He was assistant coach of the 1971 Vashon State Champions and head coach of the 1981 Soldan State Champions. He left coaching and was an administrator for eleven years and then retired from the St. Louis Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Because of his love for basketball, Dr. Neals became the head coach of Cardinal Ritter High School in 2000. He was the coach of the 2003, 2006 and 2010 Cardinal Ritter State Champions. As of 2010, Coach Neals has 566 wins; and

WHEREAS, Neals' list of professional honors date back to 1975, when he was honored as Basketball Coach of the Year by the Inner City Black Athletic Association. Since then, he earned recognition from the Archdiocesan Athletic Association, the Association of African American Role Models, the National Association of Basketball Coaches, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, the St. Louis American, the St. Louis Sentinel, the Riverfront Times Best of St. Louis Critics Choice, Missouri Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association and many others; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, he was inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame and in 2002, selected to his alma mater, Sumner High School's Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the most outstanding aspect of Dr. Neals' work is his refusal to stop refining his techniques for teaching and the love of directing young people and the way they should go; and

WHEREAS, his work influencing our children and inspiring them to better actions, on and off the basketball court, as an ingenious leader that has started an epidemic of winning state basketball championships; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Neals' record is one of leadership, and one with minor alterations that are adeptly applied have astonishing outcomes, and inspiring both our private and public high school student basketball players to become winners.

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 many achievements and honors of Marvin Neals, PhD 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 11th day of June, 2010 by:

Honorable Charles Quincy Troupe, Alderman 1st Ward

Adopted this the 11th day of June, 2010 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen