

RESOLUTION NUMBER 127

WHEREAS, we have been apprised of the retirement of Dr. Annie Jean Jones-Chambers, the Principal of Blewett Middle School of the Saint Louis Public School District in the City of Saint Louis; and

WHEREAS, Annie Jean Jones-Chambers was born on March 7, 1948 in Haywood County Tennessee to the union of Johnie and Juanita Jones. She is the proud wife of Jull Chamber and proud mother of two; Moneta and Christopher Chambers; and

WHEREAS, Annie Chambers obtained a Bachelor of Science in 1969 from Lane College, a Master of Science in 1983 from Webster University, a Master of Education Administration in 1987 from the University of Missouri Saint Louis and a Doctor of Education Administration in 2006 from Saint Louis University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chambers has served as a teacher at Jefferson Elementary School from 1969-1975, a teacher at Franklin Elementary School from 1975-1980, a teacher, team leader, instructional coordinator, and Assistant Principal at Williams Middle School from 1980-1998, a Assistant Principal at Yeatman Middle School 1998-1999, and as Principal of Blewett Middle School from 1999-2008; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chambers served on various committees throughout this nation and has obtained a number of awards and recognition such as Chair of the Martin Luther King Walk/Delta Sigma Theta, NAACP Member, Member of Black Women Wellness Project, National Council of Negro Women, Chair of the Susan Komen Walk for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, University of Missouri-St. Louis Alumni Member, President of the Lane College St. Louis Chapter, Member of Murchison Tabernacle Church, Lane College Lifetime Alumni Member and Lifetime Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chambers has contributed 39 years to educating Saint Louis City children. To many she became the Mr. Joe Clark of Eastside High School from the movie "Lean On Me" at Blewett Middle School. She impacted so many people's lives to the point that they looked up to her and admired her, such as Pastor Ernest Anthony Byrd, her former student and Saint Louis' youngest founder and senior pastor of a church. She served faithfully and can now look back and see that all of her hard work and dedication has paid off; 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 and honor Dr. Annie J. Jones-Chambers as she retires, and we say thank you for all her hard work, outstanding service and community involvement 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 at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 3rd day of July, 2008 by:

Honorable April Ford-Griffin, Alderwoman 5th Ward

Adopted this the 3rd day of July, 2008 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

