

*RESOLUTION NUMBER 134*

*WHEREAS*, we pause in our deliberations to recall the extraordinary contributions of Macler Shepherd who passed from this life on October 21, 2005; and

*WHEREAS*, Mr. Shepherd was a native of Marvel, Arkansas who moved to St. Louis after his honorable discharge from the United States Army; and

*WHEREAS*, after operating a successful business for many years, Mr. Shepherd turned his attention to organizing residents in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods whose homes were threatened by urban renewal in the mid 1960's; and

*WHEREAS*, on October 21, 1966 the Jeff-Vander-Lou Corporation was born and for the next thirty-nine years Mr. Shepherd devoted his time, energy and considerable talents to improving the quality of life for citizens in the City of St. Louis and in cities throughout the country; and

*WHEREAS*, during his life Mr. Shepherd was the recipient of numerous awards and honors including the St. Louis Award, Black Citizens Award and the Rockefeller Public Service Award and served as a member of President Carter's Urban Task Force; and

*WHEREAS*, Mr. Shepherd was an outstanding member of the St. Louis community whose inspirational life was a model of civic and community involvement and whose memory continues to encourage us today;

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that we break from our regular agenda to honor Macler Shepherd and to recall his many contributions to the growth and redevelopment of the City of St. Louis and specifically the Jeff-Vander-Lou Neighborhood 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 for presentation to the Sheppard family at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 20th day of October, 2006 by:

**Honorable Michael McMillan, Alderman 19th Ward**

Adopted this the 20th day of October, 2006 as attested:

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Patrick J. Connaghan  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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James F. Shrewsbury  
President, Board of Aldermen