

RESOLUTION NUMBER 144
Ms. Vanetta “Truth” Clark

WHEREAS, Ms. Vanetta “Truth” Clark, mother, music artist, activist, and writer, has now added film maker to her list of many accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Clark is the author of *Triumph Over Tragedy*, which she wrote and published at the age of 22, five years after she was the victim of abuse. Her book looks at how teens and young adults deal with depression and abuse after the abuse takes place; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Clark, produced and directed *The Vanetta “Truth” Clark Story*, premiering July 25, 2010 at the Tivoli Theater, a movie that looks at the human spirits ability to triumph over tragedy and the ups and downs of life; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Clark is the founder of Imagine Life, a place that focuses on impacting at risk youth in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Clark tours local schools conducting presentations of her DREAMS Program, which she wrote, focusing young people minds on their dreams and how to make them attainable; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Clarks philosophy is “No matter what level of tragedy you experience you can still succeed in life, because within each person is a spirit of power.”

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Ms. Vanetta Clark for her dedication and commitment to the citizens and at-risk youth of Missouri and the world 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 9th day of July, 2010 by:

Honorable Kacie Starr Triplett, Alderwoman 6th Ward

Adopted this the 9th day of July, 2010 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen