

RESOLUTION NUMBER 159

WHEREAS, Sharon M. Draper has taught junior and high school students how to appreciate literature and communicate their ideas effectively as Language Arts/ English educator for more than thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Draper set high standard at the Walnut Hills High School in Cincinnati, Ohio where her senior students celebrated the completion of her course and legendary research paper by sporting tee shirts which said " I survived the Draper Paper"; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Draper excelled at being one of the first teachers in the nation to achieve National Board Certification in English/ Language Arts and was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Draper has received many honors: National Teacher of the Year, three-time winner of the Coretta Scott King Literary Award, Excellence in Education Award, Miliken Family Foundation National Educator, The Marva Collins Education Excellence Award, Ohio's outstanding High School Language Arts Educator and Ohio Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Draper has motivated and challenged teachers and students throughout the United states and in many countries worldwide, in a effort to share the news of the power of accomplished teaching and excellence in education; and

WHEREAS, On November 14, 2006, the administration, faculty, staff, and students of McKinley Classical Junior Academy will come together to celebrate this great woman of distinction who has come to St. Louis to share with us her love and expertise for literature and writing;

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 Sharon M. Draper and to thank her for her continuing commitment to excellence in education and we direct the Clerk of this Board to prepare a commemorative copy of this Resolution to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 10th day of November, 2006 by:

Honorable Jennifer Florida, Alderwoman 15th Ward
Honorable Phyllis Young, Alderwoman 7th Ward

Adopted this the 10th day of November, 2006 as attested:

Patrick J. Connaghan
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

James F. Shrewsbury
President, Board of Aldermen