

**RESOLUTION NO. 165
DOMINIQUE M. BYRD**

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that on September 1, 2007, Dominique M. Byrd, Tight End for the St. Louis Rams along with other players participated in a community clean-up project in and around Barrett Brothers Park in the 22nd Ward of the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, this project drew over 300 participants in which over 250 children learned important lessons on character and values; and

WHEREAS, with Dominique's support the corporate community donated 1000 tickets to community volunteers to watch the Rams play the San Francisco 49ers on September 16, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Dominique has been playing in the NFL since 2006 selected by the St. Louis Rams with the third pick in the third round; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, Dominique's first career reception was a 27-yard touchdown catch which helped the Rams defeat the Washington Redskins 37 to 31; and

WHEREAS, Since Dominique's draft into the NFL he has participated in numerous community events such as: the Rams Rookie Club, a program that provides community service through volunteer efforts designed for first-year players, and

WHEREAS, he has participated in several Rams events including Bowl-a-RAM-a, a bowling event that benefits the Epilepsy Foundation, Hometown Huddle, a day for NFL players and coaches to participate in community service through the United Way and the Urban League Thanksgiving Turkey Distribution, where turkey dinners are distributed to low-income families; and

WHEREAS, Dominique's community involvement demonstrates caring and unselfish acts of kindness while encouraging young people to feel proud of their community and do their best to make it better; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Byrd is an exceptional member of this community and we greatly appreciate his commitment to our neighborhoods and the City of St. Louis; 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 congratulate Dominique M. Byrd and thank him for his continuing efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and prepare a commemorative copy for presentation to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 21st day of September, 2007 by:

Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward

Adopted this the 21st day of September, 2007 as attested: