

RESOLUTION NUMBER 174

Sr. Gail Trippett, CSJ

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that on October 23, 2008 Sr. Gail Trippett, CSJ will be honored by Central Catholic School and Academy; and

WHEREAS, she was born to Frank and Yvonne Trippett in Gary, Indiana. She has two brothers and one sister. Her brother, Frank, lives in Hawaii, her sister, Tanya, lives in New York and her brother, Daryl is deceased; and

WHEREAS, she was a member of the National Teacher's of America Club in high school, as well as a member of the National Honor Society and graduated from Mountain Home High School in Mountain Home, Idaho; and

WHEREAS, She attended Spelman College and received a B.A. degree with a major in Elementary education and a minor in Early Childhood Education, graduating *Magna Cum Laude*. She has Masters course work from Georgia State University in Special Education, a Masters in Educational Administration from St. Louis University and a Masters in Theology from Xavier University; and

WHEREAS, she received a Teacher of the Year Award in Atlanta, Georgia in 1979. She began teaching in Tucker, Georgia, went on to Holy Angels in Indianapolis, Indiana; Immacolata in St. Louis, Missouri, and became principal of Central Catholic St. Nicholas School in 1989. She also worked with students in the poorest county of the United States, Lowmes County, Alabama in 1982. She received the Urban League Chairman's Award in 2004, the Archdiocesan Women at the Well Award in 2005 and the Fontbonne Founder's Award in October 2008; and

WHEREAS, she has served on the following boards: Dismas House, Character plus Advisory Committee, CYC Foster Children's Board, Marion Middle School Board, Sisters of St. Joseph's Nazareth Center Board, and currently serves on the St. Joseph's Deaf Institute Board; and

WHEREAS, she served as a member of the Provincial Council of the Sisters of St. Joseph from 1996-2002. She served as the chairperson of the Education Committee of the National Black Sisters' Conference from 2000-2003.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Sr. Gail Trippett, CSJ 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 3rd day of October, 2008 by:

Honorable April Ford-Griffin, Alderwoman 5th Ward

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

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

