

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 196**  
**Alderman Mary Gray**

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that on Thursday, October 23, 2008 at the Hyatt Hotel the Metro Sentinel Journal News will convene its 33rd Annual “Yes I Can” awards banquet; and

**WHEREAS**, under the leadership of Michael C. Williams, owner and publisher, the Metro Sentinel Journal News continues to recognize the meaningful contributions of stellar St. Louisans; and

**WHEREAS**, local leaders have been nominated by their peers and admirers as “Special Achievers” in 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, these local leaders have established themselves as outstanding professionals in the public, private, non-profit, government and educational sectors; and

**WHEREAS**, Alderman Mary Gray has lived in the City of Pine Lawn for over 35 years. She is the mother of two and grandmother of four. Her two children graduated from the Normandy School District; and

**WHEREAS**, she was employed as a Package Line Operator, making and breaking many records; she worked her way into Management after working for Bristol Myers for 26 years. She is currently a Communication Specialist for the Ritz Carlton Hotel; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary was elected as Alderman in the 4<sup>th</sup> ward in the City of Pine Lawn in 2007 where she has raised the bar for providing service through out the entire city limits. She has been actively involved with many city functions including senior dinner and dance, clothes and furniture giveaways, senior and disability clean-up days. For three months, she opened, supervised and closed the center where any youth 18 and under was welcome to eat free breakfast and lunch with DFS food program; and

**WHEREAS**, Alderman Gray has been recognized by residence in her ward at several alderman board meetings for her outstanding vision and her visibility within the City of Pine Lawn. She truly lives by the motto of The New Pine Lawn where she is “Always Working To Serve You”.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Alderman Mary Gray for her stellar accomplishments and commitment to making our region a better place to live and work. 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 24th day of October, 2007

**Honorable April Ford-Griffin, Alderwoman 5th Ward**

Adopted this the 24th day of October, 2007 as attested:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen