

RESOLUTION NUMBER 198
Judith Jarmon

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, Judy Jarmon began her career at Grace Hill Settlement House in 1969 as a Block Captain. She helped to initiate key initiatives designed to move fellow neighbors from poverty and related challenges to more stable socio-economic environments. Judy's nonjudgmental approach always made both staff and neighbors feel respected and valued. From the beginning, she demonstrated keen abilities to understand the need and necessary response to a range of issues, as well as the continuum of services needed. She could always execute solutions with serious thought and good judgment; and

WHEREAS, from Block Captain, Judy was promoted in 1975 to Assistant Family Service Director, and in the early 80s, Judy Jarmon played a significant role in the development of the unique - yet replicable and successful - Member Organized Resource Exchange (MORE) system, helping to create neighborhood based networks and systems for thousands of Grace Hill's service areas that promoted exchanging resources thus building community capacity for self reliance. Through her work in MORE, Judy was promoted to additional responsibilities, always growing with the program; and

WHEREAS, she was promoted in 1985 to Linkage Network Manger. She became Director of the MORE Linkage Network in 1986. Judy has been a key manager through the 90's in neighborhood development and ended her years at Grace Hill as the Director of Social Services for Head Start; and

WHEREAS, most recently, Judy has served as the Director of social services and policy development for the Head Start program. She has brought a team together that fills the seats, supports the families, and ensures neighbor and parent participation in monitoring and implementing a high quality family approach to school readiness and positive child development; and

WHEREAS, Judy is now retiring. Grace Hill is sad to see her go, but her wisdom, judgment and best practices will remain as a model and legend for a long, long time.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Judith Jarmon 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:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen