

RESOLUTION NUMBER 204
Michael McMillan

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, Michael McMillan is a native St. Louisan. He is a graduate of Bishop DuBourg High School and Saint Louis University. Michael McMillan became License Collector for the City of St. Louis on January 1, 2007. As License Collector, he has made providing better customer service, improving technology, and aggressively collecting more revenue a priority for his office. McMillan increased inspections to protect citizens against fraudulent, unlicensed businesses. In order to improve efficiency, he implemented a proven electronic bookkeeping and cash management system to replace hand-entered ledgers. McMillan updated the department's website and ensured that businesses could pay for their licenses with credit cards; and

WHEREAS, he formerly served as Alderman of the 19th Ward of the City of St. Louis. The 19th Ward consists of all or part of the Midtown, Covenant Blu, Grand Center, Jeff Vander Lou, Vandeventer, Tiffany Park and Shaw neighborhoods and has approximately 12,500 residents. Prior to being elected Alderman McMillan was appointed and later elected Committeeman of the 19th Ward after serving as Administrative Assistant to the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, at the Board of Aldermen, McMillan was Chairman of the Convention, Tourism, Arts and Humanities Committee, a member of the Ways and Means Committee, the Housing, Urban Development and Zoning Committee, the Personnel Administration Committee, the Public Utilities Committee and the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee. McMillan has previously served as Chairman of the African American Aldermanic Caucus. He was very active in revitalizing the 19th Ward through educational development, housing construction and rehab, economic development, faith community development and overall neighborhood stabilization. His most significant accomplishment as Alderman was the initiation and collaboration of over \$1,200,000,000.00 in construction. Some of those projects include the Martin Luther King Shopping Plaza, the Vocational Education High School, Cardinal Ritter High School, Vashon High School, the Blumeyer HOPE VI Project currently known as Renaissance Place at Grand, St. Louis University, the Coronado Place Apartments and Ballroom, the Moolah Temple, Leonard Missionary Baptist Church, St. Lukes' Missionary Baptist Church, The Continental Building, Kim's Kids 24 Hour Daycare, and many others; and

WHEREAS, McMillan is a member of the Board of Directors of the William L. Clay Scholarship and Research Fund and the Paula J. Carter Foundation. McMillan is a former member of the Capital Committee of the City of St. Louis, the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of Hope House, Better Family Life, the Local Records Board of the State of Missouri, the NAACP, the St. Louis Ambassadors, the Vashon/JVL Initiative and the St. Louis Community Education Task Force. Mr. McMillan is a lifetime member of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis and the American Council of Young Political leaders. He is a member of 100 Black Men of St. Louis, the NAACP, the National League of Cities and the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials. In addition to his governmental and civic involvement, McMillan coordinates large charitable activities every year focusing on senior citizens and youth. He organizes Back to School activities, Community Empowerment Festivals, Year End Holiday Programs, Scholarship Drives and many other events for community residents. Over the years, tens of thousands of citizens have received school supplies, book bags, scholarships, grocery assistance, utility assistance, and many other items.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Michael McMillan for his 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, 2008

Honorable April Ford-Griffin, Alderwoman 5th Ward

Adopted this the 24th day of October, 2008 as attested:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen