

RESOLUTION NUMBER 206

Paula Knight

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, Paula Knight was appointed in January 2005 to serve as Executive Director for Curriculum & Instruction K-12 for the St. Louis Public School District. Her responsibilities include overseeing the new K-12 curriculum in the District that includes training teachers and administrators on the protocols for delivering and executing curricula plans to meet Missouri state standards and grade level expectations; and

WHEREAS, in her role as Executive Director, Knight oversees and directs the development, implementation and evaluation of professional development programs for district-wide instructional staff. She oversees the development, implementation and evaluation of district-wide benchmark assessments every six weeks and oversees and directs the development and implementation of professional “walk through observation” for administrators within their building. Knight also directs the ordering, delivery and implementation of aligned textbooks; and

WHEREAS, Knight has reestablished local and national support for SLPS High School Debate Teams. In addition, she has designed, aligned and implemented an Arts Integrated Model for the reopening of Carver School in August 2008; and

WHEREAS, Knight began her career with the District in 1994 as a classroom teacher at Hamilton Elementary School. She has served as principal at Waring Academy of Basic Instruction and Washington & Euclid Montessori School. Knight has a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education from St. Louis University and a Master of Arts degree in education administration from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. She is a 2009 candidate in UMSL’s doctoral program; and

WHEREAS, an active community servant, Knight serves as a member of several community organizations: She is president, Urban League Guild-St. Louis Chapter; Troop Leader, Boy Scouts of America; Board of Directors member, United Way of Greater St. Louis; member, NAACP; member, Charmaine Chapman Society; St. Louis Ambassador, University of Missouri-St. Louis; and Education Steering Committee member, Regional Arts Commission. Knight was accepted into the 1999-2000 Leadership cohort sponsored by FOCUS-St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, Knight is also active with several professional organizations including the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, National Association for Elementary School Principals, Council of Great City Schools Steering Committee, St. Louis Area Curriculum Coordinators’ Association and Maryville University for Partnerships in Education Advisory Board. She has been trained by the Department of Education as a School Improvement Plan Reviewer of districts in Missouri.

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

