

RESOLUTION NUMBER 212

Alberta Stewart Thomas

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, Alberta Stewart Thomas, known as "Tookie" was born in Indianola, Mississippi. In 1938, she moved to St. Louis to live with her extended family. Shortly thereafter, Alberta enrolled in and graduated from Tucker Business College. Soon after that she met and married Joseph Thomas and they had three sons, Llwellyn, Joseph Reginald and Ewell; and

WHEREAS, throughout all systems of our society, Mrs. Thomas is known for her dedication and tenaciousness. While her professional career spanned more than forty years, she was only employed by two employers - Atlanta Life Insurance Company and Cardinal Ritter Home Health Care, from which she retired in 1984; and

WHEREAS, in her spiritual life, she has been a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church nearly 50 years and because of her dedication to the church, she was the recipient of several awards, ost notable one from Archbishop Rigali; and

WHEREAS, when she became a single parent, she ruled with a steel hand, a loving heart and a tremendous amount of energy. Her determination of be involved in all in which her sons were engaged, led to what most people best know - Ms. PTA in St. Louis. While they were enrolled in Riddick Elementary, she became the president of the school's PTA. When the oldest graduated and started Sumner High School, she followed and became the president. Her services were so efficient and productive; she was elected to the position of 1st Vice President of the St. Louis Council of Parents and Teachers. She is truly a mentor and an elder of "many villages."

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