

RESOLUTION NUMBER 225

Ronald Johnson

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that on Thursday, October 30, 2008, Ronald Johnson will be recognized by the residents of the Twenty-Second Ward with the presentation of the Good Neighbor Award; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Johnson, known by his family and friends as "Ron-Ron," is the 4th child of 12 born to Charlie and Ozell Johnson; and

WHEREAS, his parents instilled in him that hard work pays off and that he should love thy neighbor as thyself, which he lives by daily and he continues to put others before himself ensuring that someone else's day is easier; and

WHEREAS, as a young boy, Ron was loved by all the neighborhood parents because of his work ethic and respect for the elderly. As a result of him being so willing to do his chores, yard work, etc., he was given a car by one of the neighbors because they loved him so much; and

WHEREAS, he has lived in the 22nd ward since 1974 and just like he did when he was younger, he makes sure to clean off snow in winter, cut grass, trim hedges, etc for the elderly on his block. He is a community servant in his own right because he is always willing to help in the community whenever called on; and

WHEREAS, about 6 or 7 years ago, Ron became disabled with kidney disease, but you would continuously find him active in his neighborhood doing landscaping work, cutting grass, cleaning the alley, changing brakes on someone's car, playing catch with his son, anything that the doctor suggested that he not do because of his condition, but he never let it keep him from being him; and

WHEREAS, over the past few years, he has been imperative in making the 22nd Ward Community Picnic and Rams Clean Up Day a success. For the past three years, Ron has been asked to be in charge of distribution of food and each time he has gone above and beyond to make sure all was in order. He is known to be reliable and dependable and follows through on whatever task he agrees to take on; and

WHEREAS, last year, Ronald was blessed with a kidney transplant and he deserves to be recognized for his willingness to volunteer in helping in his community although he was sick.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and congratulate Ronald Johnson and we thank him for his continuing efforts to improve the quality of life for the residents of this City and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy for presentation to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 31st day of October, 2008 by:

Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward

Adopted this the 31st day of October, 2008 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen