

RESOLUTION NUMBER 259

National Mentoring Month and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri

WHEREAS, we pause in our deliberations to recognize National Mentoring Month and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri; and

WHEREAS, January is National Mentoring Month throughout the City of St. Louis, a time designed to focus national attention on the need for mentors, as well as how each of us; individuals, businesses, government agencies, schools, faith communities and nonprofits can work together to increase the number of mentors, and assure brighter futures for our young people in the City; and

WHEREAS, for over 94 years, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri has been providing young people with caring and consistent role models and friends. Through their community partnership model, Big Brothers Big Sisters has become the largest, oldest and most effective mentoring program in the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis recognizes the success of the Winning Wards Initiative, which seeks to address the specific needs of young people living in the City of St. Louis one ward at a time. The goal is to provide a Big Brothers Big Sisters mentor for every child who wants or needs one; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri seeks to partner with residents, civic leaders, business owners, clergy and educators, in each ward, to provide quality, one-to-one mentoring services to youth ages 5-17. The goal is to surround young people with caring adults and organize activities and opportunities aimed at giving them a sense of belonging and self-worth.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to recognize National Mentoring Month and the many contributions of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri to the citizens of the City of St. Louis 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 to the end that it may be presented to our honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 8th day of January, 2010 by:

Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward

Adopted this the 8th day of January, 2010 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen