

RESOLUTION NUMBER 260
60th Birthday of Rosalind Guy

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that on December 27, 2008, Rosalind Guy will be celebrating her 60th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Guy first entered the workforce in 1966 at the Federal Record Center. Sometimes she worked two or three jobs as a divorcee raising three growing children, Anthony, Kermit and Jenice; and

WHEREAS, by 1977, she decided she needed to find a better job and to take a few self improvement courses at St. Louis Community College at Forest Park. During her tour of the campus, she enjoyed the solitude of the art department, so she took photo courses which added a new visual image to her work and gave her work a meaningful voice and greater visibility. With freelance photography work being limited with the St. Louis American, St. Louis Argus, the St. Louis Metro Sentinel and Final Call Newspapers, she began looking for employment. While looking for employment, she came across a classified ad recruiting people to join the Ku Klux Klan. This told her that America still had some serious problems, so she started a Klan Watcher. Photography provided her images that she could not find words to convey about her first Ku Klux Klan march in Decatur Georgia, Klan activities in Forsyth County, Georgia and a Klan rally in Hannibal, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Guy worked as a graphic designer for a defense contractor of the U.S. Army, where she repaired world wide command briefings during the mid 1980's. She also worked in the Attorney General's Second Injury Office. She went on to develop partnerships in the public and private sectors for the St. Louis Housing Authority while employed as the Resident Initiatives Coordinator. One of her greatest achievements was receiving a \$1,600,000 grant award to eliminate drugs in HUD housing developments; and

WHEREAS, following the St. Louis Housing Authority, she accepted a position with the Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH) as the Housing Coordinator for the Eastern Region of Missouri and was able to assist in the housing of 270 homeless people in 3 1/2 years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Guy has served appointments to the African American Task Force on Mental Health Issues for the DMH, as chair of the MRDD Office and as a member of the Citizen Advisory Board for the St. Louis Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, she holds a BA degree in media communications and a paralegal certification from Webster University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Guy's hobbies are serving the public while attempting to improve the quality of life to all that she encounters, reading, driving, travel and refinishing furniture.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberation to honor and recognize Rosalind Guy for her 60th birthday and we express our best wishes to her for good health and happiness in the future and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 12th day of December, 2008 by:

Honorable Joseph Roddy, Alderman 17th Ward

Adopted this the 12th day of December, 2008 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen