

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 300**

**Chokwe Lumumba**

**WHEREAS**, it has come to the attention of the Board of Aldermen that Chokwe Lumumba will be the keynote speaker at the OBS/YCPD 31st Anniversary Dinner to be held this Saturday, January 29, 2011 in the City of St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, Chokwe Lumumba was born in August of 1947 in the public housing projects of Detroit, Michigan and later in life changed his first name to Lumumba in honor of Congolese activist and leader, Patrice Lumumba, and Chokwe after an Angolan tribe both names also in recognition of his African heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, Lumumba earned his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Kalamazoo College in Kalamazo, Michigan and his Juris Doctorate from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, Lumumba is a nationally renowned attorney, licensed in both Mississippi and Michigan and has represented clients in over 16 jurisdictions, including Canada and the Choctaw Court; and

**WHEREAS**, Attorney Lumumba is the National Chairman and a co-founder of the New Afrikan People's Organization (NAPO) and has served as NAPO's chairperson since its inception in 1984 and is also a co-founder and member of the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement; and

**WHEREAS**, Lumumba has worked tirelessly as community activist for over five decades to defend the rights of African American activists and communities and has advocated for the poor and powerless in the courtroom and has established himself as an uncompromising and formidable force for justice in the streets; and

**WHEREAS**, Lumumba has defended many high profile cases of injustices which includes Assata Shakur, The Pontiac Brothers, Tupac Shakur, Geronimo Pratt, and most recently the Scott sisters Gladys and Jamie of Jackson, Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, Lumumba successfully won a campaign for the city council seat in Jackson, Mississippi in May of 2009, and presently holds this office; and

**WHEREAS**, Lumumba has worked for over two decades organizing, directing, coaching, and mentoring youth through programs such as the Jackson Panthers Basketball Organization; and

**WHEREAS**, Lumumba has crisscrossed the globe fighting for "Human Rights for Human Beings" which includes his work in support of the survivors of Hurricane Katrina.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Attorney, Councilman, and Human Rights activist Chokwe Lumumba on the occasion of the Organization for Black Struggle's 31st anniversary on January 29, 2011 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 honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011 by:

**Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18<sup>th</sup> Ward**

Adopted this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen