

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 325**  
**Honorable Jimmie M. Edwards**

**WHEREAS**, African American History Month was founded by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, whose parents were held as slaves, and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History in 1926 and was designed to tell a fuller picture of history that includes the contributions and achievements of African Americans usually left out of the mainstream history books; and

**WHEREAS**, African American History month was originally founded to be the second week of February and at its inception was named Negro History Week and was expanded to a month with a name change to African American History Month during a convention of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and Culture in the 1970s with the association also changing its name, at that time, to the Association for the Study of African American Life and History; and

**WHEREAS**, in the spirit of African American History Month the St. Louis Aldermanic African American Caucus recognizes the achievements and contributions of local African Americans to continue the effort of presenting a fuller and enriched picture of history and diversity in the St. Louis community; and

**WHEREAS**, Jimmie M. Edwards was appointed Circuit Judge for the 22nd Judicial Circuit Court in the State of Missouri in April 1992; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Edwards graduated from Saint Louis University in 1978, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree, and again in 1982, where he earned a Juris Doctorate Degree. Judge Edwards began the private practice of law in a small law firm in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1981; and in 1984 he joined Sabreliner Corporation, an aircraft manufacturer, where he served as its general counsel. After serving in that capacity for six years, he joined the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company legal staff until 1992, when he was appointed circuit judge; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Edwards has served as a Special Missouri Supreme Court Judge. He is the Chairman of the Missouri Supreme Court's Records Committee. His committee is responsible for drafting uniform court documents and pleadings for use in all Missouri courts in addition to the development of record retention and destruction policies. Additionally, Judge Edwards is a member of the Missouri Supreme Court Civil Rules committee. The Civil Rules Committee is responsible for reviewing and recommending changes to civil rules that govern civil practice and procedure in Missouri courts. He has served on the Executive Council for all Missouri State Judges, as well as the Missouri Habeas Corpus subcommittees; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Edwards teaches law related courses at Sanford Brown College. In addition, Judge Edwards is a professor at Saint Louis University, as well as a visiting lecturer at the Washington University School of Law in St. Louis, Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, Currently, Judge Edwards is the Chief Juvenile Court Judge for the City of St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Jimmie M. Edwards is married to Stacy Maria and they have three children, Murphy, Ashley and John. They are members of the Antioch Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the many achievements of Honorable Jimmie M. Edwards. and we 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 honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010 by:

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

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

Honorable Charles Quincy Troupe, Alderman 1<sup>st</sup> Ward

Honorable Dionne Flowers, Alderwoman 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward

Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr., Alderman 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward

Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4<sup>th</sup> Ward

Honorable April Ford Griffin, Alderwoman 5<sup>th</sup> Ward

Honorable Kacie Starr Triplett, Alderwoman 6<sup>th</sup> Ward

Honorable Marlene E. Davis, Alderwoman 19<sup>th</sup> Ward

Honorable Antonio D. French, Alderman 21<sup>st</sup> Ward

Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22<sup>nd</sup> Ward

Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26<sup>th</sup> Ward

Honorable Gregory J. Carter, Alderman 27<sup>th</sup> Ward

Adopted this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010 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