

RESOLUTION NUMBER 351

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that after forty-three years of dedicated service to area public school districts, Ms. Jeanette Days Pulliam retired on December 21, 2007; and

WHEREAS, from 1965-2000, Ms. Pulliam was a teacher and supervisor of reading; from 2001-2004 she was Coordinator of Communication Arts in the Normandy School District; in 2004 she was a Reading Specialist for the Riverview Gardens District; in 2005 she was the Reading Coordinator in Riverview Gardens District; and lastly in 2006-2007 she was the Chief Academic Officer in the Riverview Gardens District; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pulliam is a well-respected educator and mentor. She has served on various boards and commissions to evaluate and enhance education systems locally, state-wide and nationally. She has been a life long advocate of efficacy (every child can learn) and provided professional development opportunities for classroom teachers and administrators. As an administrator, Ms. Pulliam could be found in the halls observing student behavior and often in classrooms to both encourage and support teachers; and

WHEREAS, over the course of her 43 years of service, Ms. Pulliam's talents and commitments have been recognized and she has moved progressively into leadership and supervisory positions. She has been responsible for many curriculum innovations and book adoptions in several districts to assure that best practices and materials were kept in line with the latest research and technology advancements; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pulliam is a member of the International Reading Association, the National Association of Black School Educators, the Metropolitan St. Louis Association of Black School Educators and the Governor's Task Force on Education, serving as Chairwoman of the Communication Arts Committee; and

WHEREAS, it is impossible to calculate the exact number of children and families Ms. Pulliam has touched, taught and supported in over four decades of tireless work, but it is surely in the thousands.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate Ms. Jeanette Days Pulliam for 43 years of dedicated service to area public school districts and we wish her peace and happiness in her retirement and we direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to further 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 14th day of March, 2008 by:

Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26th Ward

Adopted this the 14th day of March, 2008 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen