

RESOLUTION NUMBER 37

Doris Dunlap Darden

WHEREAS, Ms. Doris Dunlap Darden is an educator who has devoted 50 years of service to the St. Louis Public School District. She has dedicated her life to enabling children to attain quality education and providing opportunities that help students realize their abilities and achieve their highest goals; and

WHEREAS, she began her commendable teaching career in 1953 and has worked diligently to level the educational playing field for at-risk youth in low-income neighborhoods throughout the City of St. Louis. Ms. Darden has encouraged hundreds of children by setting high expectations and implementing programs for students to gain leadership and communications skills necessary to succeed in life. She has been committed to reaching both the students and their parents with her educational outreach; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Darden impressively took the initiative to create “Home, School and Community,” a program which introduced students to local and national newsmakers and celebrities. This innovative program allows famous guest speakers to encourage students to achieve academic excellence, while their parents attended informative workshops and seminars; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Darden solidly believes that all children deserve a high quality education regardless of their socioeconomic status. As a tutor, early in her career, she took note of the way wealthy parents trained their children and introduced those same learning techniques to inner city students. Ms. Darden found that her efforts helped raise both the productivity level and esteem of children who would otherwise might have been cast off by society; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her unwavering commitment to teaching, Ms. Darden has selflessly allotted time for community service. She has dedicated numerous hours to working with the Colored Women’s Association, National Association of University Women, Tot’s N’ Teens, various city-wide committees and Leadership for Teachers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor Ms. Doris Dunlap Darden for her many accomplishments and achievements 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 15th day of May, 2009 by:

Honorable Kacie Starr Triplett, Alderwoman 6th Ward

Adopted this the 15th day of May, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

