

RESOLUTION NUMBER 71

Eddie Stallings

WHEREAS, we recognize Mr. Eddie Stallings for his hard work and dedication to gang abatement and youth development; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Empowerment Services Program (Y.E.S.) is a “gang abatement” and “youth development” initiative based upon a comprehensive and holistic philosophy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stallings believes that it requires programs like the Y.E.S .approach in order to make a significant impact on the array of problems that lead to delinquency in our youth. Y.E.S. is an approach that is based on fundamental assumption that the root of the youth delinquency problem stem from the connection between three primary factors in the development of the child. The first factor is the basic family structure. Factor number two is the unique group of values that are derived from the particular family structure. Factor number three is the general thinking, the particular thought processes and the specific actions that proceed from the values; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stallings comes into contact with youth in their program long after the family and living environment has had their affect. Given this reality and the thrust of the Y.E.S. Program, the most effective role for the coordinators is the engagement with the students and attempt to interrupt or to halt the progression of the problem. This is accomplished by providing the students with awareness of the issues that produced their situation and by providing additional information that could lead to better thinking and decision making in the future; and

WHEREAS, when working with the students, Mr. Stallings always look for ways to involve members of the students’ family and to intervene into the family structure. This is important because of the belief that the family is the foundation for individual human development. Families need to be involved and Y.E.S. uses every opportunity to encourage them and to assist them in being supportive of the kinds of changes the students need to make in order to redirect the course of their live; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stallings realizes that something can be done and that something must be done. In answer to the question of whether anything can be done to turn these children around, Mr. Stallings says **Y.E.S.** through the process of the Youth Empowerment Services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognized Mr. Eddie Stallings for his hard work and dedication to the St. Louis community and we wish him continued success and achievement 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 to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 30th day of May, 2008 by:

Honorable Kathleen Hanrahan, Alderwoman 23rd Ward

Adopted this the 30th day of May, 2008 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen