

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 179**

**Dr. Celeste Johnson Adams**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Celeste Johnson Adams is a native of St. Louis. She is a graduate of Cardinal Ritter College Preparatory High School, 1988. Excelling in education, Dr. Adams earned a BA in English at Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri, obtaining an M.Ed in Curriculum and Instruction at National-Louis University, Wheeling, Illinois; further earning a PhD, in Education at Capella University, Minneapolis, Minnesota; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Adams began her teaching career of eleven years as an academic teacher of juvenile offenders before entering the St. Louis County Public School System as a secondary level English teacher; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, Dr. Adams is an Honors English teacher, Communication Arts Department Chair, an Independent Educational Consultant, and a graduate student at Arkansas State University-Jonesboro, majoring in Educational Administration; and

**WHEREAS**, she is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc and Ardella G. Johnson #120-Order of the Eastern Star. As an educator, consultant, and mother, Dr. Adams continues the charge of motivating at-risk youth to succeed. Dr. Adams serves as Chief of Operations for Gentlemen of Vision-Rites of Passage Enterprises, INC (GOV). Gentlemen of Vision is a mentoring program for African-American males from 9<sup>th</sup> grade through college; and

**WHEREAS**, Gentlemen of Vision are mentored and give back to their own community by mentoring elementary and middle school children. Gentlemen of Vision also host a summer step camp; and

**WHEREAS**, to date Gentlemen of Vision under Dr. Adams's capable leadership have received numerous awards to include: First Place, March 2010, Disney Regional Step Classic, Nashville, Tennessee and First Place, September 2010, Disney National Step Classic, Orlando Florida, earning the honor as National Disney Step Classic Champions; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Adams is being honored as one of eight honorees of the St. Louis American Foundation –Award for Excellence in Education.

**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 accomplishments of Dr. Celeste Johnson Adams 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 honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 17th day of September, 2010 by:

**Honorable Charles Quincy Troupe, Alderman 1st Ward**

Adopted this the 17th day of September, 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