

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 207**

**Betty Marver**

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that on Thursday, October 23, 2008 at the Hyatt Hotel the Metro Sentinel Journal News will convene its 33rd Annual “Yes I Can” awards banquet; and

**WHEREAS**, under the leadership of Michael C. Williams, owner and publisher, the Metro Sentinel Journal News continues to recognize the meaningful contributions of stellar St. Louisans; and

**WHEREAS**, local leaders have been nominated by their peers and admirers as “Special Achievers” in 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, these local leaders have established themselves as outstanding professionals in the public, private, non-profit, government and educational sectors; and

**WHEREAS**, Betty Marver is currently the Head Start Director and Chief Program Officer for Grace Hill Settlement House. Previously, she worked for Human Development Corporation (HDC – Community Action Program) and as Counselor Neighborhood Youth Corps; and

**WHEREAS**, she earned a BA, from Indiana University in 1969 and a MSW, from the University of Missouri in 1971; and

**WHEREAS**, she is a Graduate School Instructor for both St. Louis University and University of Missouri St. Louis and was appointed by the Federal Administration On Aging as a National Proposal Reviewer; and

**WHEREAS**, she has held positions on the Missouri Community Service Commission 1994 to 2000, Missouri Commission for Child Support Enforcement, appointed to the Missouri Long Term Care Committee on Aging, St. Louis County Boundary Commission, a member of the Washington University Interdisciplinary Environmental Clinic, Chair of the Place Based Neighborhood Organization Committee of the St. Louis Area Resources For Community and Human Services/ARCHS, Welfare Reform Committee for the State’s Partnership Program, Missouri Association for Social Welfare/ MASW, State President 1990 – 1992, Member of United Way’s Literacy Committee/Linkages for literacy and Support Services Committee, FOCUS: Leadership St. Louis Class of 1989 to current – Leadership Council, State Women’s Political Caucus Vice Chair main, and Board Member of the St. Louis Educational Roundtable; and

**WHEREAS**, previous honors and awards include: Women’s Support and Community Services Awardee, 2006, Invited by the Kennedy School’s Women and Power Executive Program to participate with 13 other women from the United States and from other countries in a study trip to South Africa sponsored by the National Women’s Leadership Board, University of Missouri School of Social Work Community Volunteer of the Year, 2003, Human Development Corporation’s Humanitarian Award for 2004, National Time Dollar Congress, M.O.R.E. Time Dollar Award, 2000 (first National award presented). 2000, State Department of Economic Development Women’s Council Award of Distinction 1998, MASW State Volunteer Award 1996, YWCA Special Leadership Award - Non-Profit Management 1992, MASW Survival Task Force Chair, which produced the first MASW – statewide Homeless Report., Mental Health Association: Service award for Outstanding Efforts in Behalf of the Mentally Ill, selected by the Anderson School of UCLA for the Head Start Directors program 2004 and selected for the Women in Power Group of The Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government 2004.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Betty Marver for her stellar accomplishments and commitment to making our region a better place to live and work. We direct the Clerk of this Board to prepare a commemorative copy of this resolution to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced on the 24th day of October, 2007

**Honorable April Ford-Griffin, Alderwoman 5th Ward**

Adopted this the 24th day of October, 2007 as attested:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen

