

RESOLUTION NUMBER 226

Command Sergeant Major Carmen Marie Gamble

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that Command Sergeant Major Carmen Marie Gamble is retiring from the United States Army after 24 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Carmen Marie Gamble grew up in St. Louis, Missouri and is the proud daughter of the late Benjamin L. Goins, Sr. Command Sergeant Major Gamble began her military career on January 24, 1985; and

WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Gamble has held many leadership positions within the Department of the Army serving in assignments at the Army Reserve Personnel Center, St. Louis, Missouri; Fourth US Army, Personnel Service Support Team, Fort Sheridan, Illinois; Full Time Support Management Command, St. Louis, Missouri; United States Army Reserve Command, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Fort McPherson, Georgia; Army Reserve Personnel Command, St. Louis, Missouri; First Sergeant for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, St. Louis, Missouri; First Sergeant of the Non-Commission Officer Academy, Fort McCoy, Wisconsin; Student at the Sergeants Major Academy, Ft. Bliss, Texas; Joint Personnel NCO, United States Transportation Command, Army Reserve Element, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois; Command Sergeant Major of the 620th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, St. Louis, Missouri; and Command Sergeant Major of the 828th Transportation Battalion, Livingston, Alabama. CSM Gamble was the first female and first Afro American to hold the positions as the First Sergeant at the NCO Academy at Ft. McCoy, Wisconsin and the Command Sergeant Major position at the 620th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, St. Louis, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Gamble's military education includes Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic and Advance Noncommissioned Officer Courses, First Sergeant Course, Battle Staff Course, Military Administrative Management Course, U.S. Protocol Training Course, Joint Planning Orientation Course, Action Officer Development Course, Total Quality Management Training Course, Leadership Education and Development Course, Supervisor Development Course, Composite Risk Management Course, Accountable Officials and Certifying Officers Defense Travel Management Course. She graduated from the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy on May 20, 2005, Class 55; and

WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Gamble was the first Active Guard Reserve Soldier assigned to the United States Army Reserve Command to be inducted into the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club at Fort McPherson, Georgia. This accomplishment led her on to become the president of the Fort McPherson Sergeant Audie Murphy Club. Command Sergeant Major Gamble was instrumental in establishing the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club for Soldiers currently assigned to the United States Army Human Resources Command, St. Louis, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Gamble holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Human Resource Management from St. Leo University and a Master of Arts Degree in Human Resource Development from Webster University; and

WHEREAS, her awards, decorations and medallions include: Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Good Conduct Medal (6th Award), National Defense Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (2nd Award), NCO Professional Development Ribbon with Numeral 4, Army Service Ribbon, Army Superior Unit Award, Join Meritorious Unit Award, Sergeant Audie Murphy Medallion; and the Honorable Order of Saint Christopher Medal; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2005, Command Sergeant Major Gamble was selected for promotion to Sergeant Major and an appointment to Command Sergeant Major. It is rare for a Master Sergeant to go directly to Command Sergeant Major. This is an accomplishment is noteworthy because only 1% of Army Soldiers achieve the rank of Command Sergeant Major; and

WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Gamble is married to Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Eddie L. Gamble, Jr. and together they have four children: Katherine, Eddie III, Nicholas and Jordan.

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 Command Sergeant Major Carmen Marie Gamble for her long and productive service to the United States. We express our best wishes to her for good health and happiness in her well-deserved retirement 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 31st day of October, 2008 by:

Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr., Alderman 3rd Ward

Adopted this the 31st day of October, 2008 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

