

RESOLUTION NUMBER 194
Nicole Colbert-Botchway, J.D., M.B.A.

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, Nicole Colbert-Botchway a lifelong resident of the City of St. Louis and dedicated public servant, is a graduate of Rosati-Kain High School, obtained her bachelor’s degree and J.D. from St. Louis University in 1993 and 1996, respectively; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, she joined City of St. Louis, Circuit Attorneys Office in the Child Support Unit. As a prosecutor she litigated criminal non support, civil paternity and contempt actions on behalf of the State of Missouri establishing and enforcing child support. Here she argued before the Supreme Court regarding the use of DNA testing and its effects on determinations of non paternity. Nicole earned her M.B.A. in 2002 from the University of Missouri St. Louis while employed at the Circuit Attorney’s Office; and

WHEREAS, in January of 2004, she joined The Attorney General’s Office in St. Louis as the Modification Unit Coordinator in the Financial Services Division. In this position she maintains a large caseload, conducts Continued Legal Education seminars, is a member of the recruitment committee and supervises seven attorneys handling child support modifications and other financial cases for the State of Missouri’s Department of Social Service, Family Support Division in the eastern region of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, she is a member of the Missouri Bar Association, is President Elect of the Women Lawyers’ Association of Greater St. Louis, Board Liaison to the Women Lawyers’ Association Foundation and is a Member at Large in the Mound City Bar Association. Nicole sits on the boards of Redevelopment Opportunities for Women (ROW), Covenant House of Missouri and The Archway Chapter of the Links, Inc. where she serves as the treasurer. She is Coordinator of the Lisa Colbert Memorial Scholarship sponsored by the Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Foundation which gives scholarships to students majoring in theater/performing arts. In 2007 she became co- sponsor of the FOUNDation Nursery and Preparatory School in Accra Ghana and provides educational tools and financial support for the students.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Nicole Colbert-Botchway 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:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen