

RESOLUTION NUMBER 251

Ibrahim A. Muhammad

WHEREAS, Ibrahim A. Muhammad was born in Chicago on November 27, 1943 to Chicago born, Adelene M. Dixon, and Saint Louis born, Ibrahim A. Muhammad, and grew up in Compton, California. He joined the Nation of Islam in May of 1968 and graduated from California State University in Los Angeles in 1969; and

WHEREAS, this 65-year old , 40-year member of the Nation of Islam is the proud father of 9 children, stepfather of 2 and grandfather of 3. He came to St. Louis from the East Coast to manage 10 Church's Chicken Restaurants in 1985; and

WHEREAS, he was inspired in 1995 by the Million Man March and the need for a new paradigm in education for our children; and

WHEREAS, following the examples of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad and the Honorable Louis Farrakhan and aided by his wife Janiece Muhammad, he established Muhammad Islamic Academy for boys in a converted garage at 1908 Lucas Hunt in 1996. From this humble beginning a mere 12 years ago, hundreds of students have received a quality education including the instilling of the human spirit, as well as a comprehensive course of knowledge of self, God and others based upon the educational principles of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad and His Servant, the Honorable Louis Farrakhan; and

WHEREAS, part of the students' education and training includes regular trash and debris removal from the street, sidewalks and alleyways in the historic Lindell Park neighborhood, where Muhammad Islamic Academy has been located since 2002; and

WHEREAS, this educational training practice has benefited the students and the community by beautifying our streets and developing a sense of duty and self pride in our young people. Muhammad Islamic Academy is an affiliate institution in the Muhammad University of Islam System with headquarters located in Chicago at Mosque Maryam, the National Center of the Nation of Islam; and

WHEREAS, currently pre-school to eighth grade is MIA's scope, with the establishment of the high school and college as future goals. The ultimate goal of Ibrahim Muhammad is the infinite perpetuation of the institution known as Muhammad Islamic Academy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to recognize Ibrahim A. Muhammad 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 for presentation to the honoree, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 21st day of November, 2008 by:

Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr., Alderman 3rd Ward

Adopted this the 21st day of November, 2008 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

