

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 29  
HONORING DR. BARBARA GWINN**

**WHEREAS**, we pause today to note the passing of Dr. Barbara Gwinn and offer condolences to her family; she transitioned into Glory and received her wings, Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Barbara Gwinn, native of St. Louis, Missouri, was the third born of six children to the matrimonial union of Deacon Julius D. W. Harris, Sr. and Deaconess Myrtle A. Sutherland Harris; she was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents and three brothers; and

**WHEREAS**, forty-five years ago, Barbara was united in Holy Matrimony to her lifelong mate, Lawrence C. Gwinn, retired administrator of the St. Louis Public School System; together they welcomed their only child, a daughter, Reverend Kerri Mack. Barbara was so proud of her daughter and loved her family dearly; and

**WHEREAS**, a life-long learner, Barbara was a graduate of Patrick Henry Elementary School, Vashon High School, Harris Teachers College where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Education, Anchor Theological Institute and Seminary with an earned Master in Ministry and Doctorate in Ministry with an emphasis in Christian Behavior; a graduate of CORO Neighborhood Leadership 2000 and held educational memberships in the Smithsonian Institute and the American Museum of Natural History; and

**WHEREAS**, Barbara Gwinn was presented numerous awards and salutations for her work in education, ministry, and the community. A committed member of the True Life Missionary Baptist Church, Barbara faithfully served in the Junior Choir, Junior Usher Board, Ensemble Choir, secretary, past secretary of Sunday School, and Past Supervisor to the Children's Choir, and that is just getting started; and

**WHEREAS**, extending her hand to the community, Barbara served as a member of the National Council of Negro Women, the National Education Association, Local 420 Teacher's Union (retired), Safe Haven Children's Center, and secretary for the Vashon JeffVanderlou Neighborhood Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Barbara fervently served as a member, local, regional, and international officer for the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated, an educational sorority founded by eight educators desiring to establish a sisterhood among teachers and promote the highest ideals of the teaching profession of educators at various levels; and

**WHEREAS**, Barbara's pastimes were reading, writing, and participating in Bible study; those who knew her well, knew that she was never without a book in her possession and knew of her extensive Christian library. Today, she leaves to cherish her memory, her beloved husband Lawrence, her daughter, Kerri, and her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and a host of cousins, relatives, and friends. Barbra always said, "I am not perfect, just trying to live a life that is pleasing in the sight of God. TO GOD BE THE GLORY."

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to recognize and celebrate the life of Dr. Barbara H. Gwinn and acknowledge her accomplishments and contributions to her family, church, and community. 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 memorial copy to the end that it may be presented to the family of Barbara at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020 by:**

**The Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman Ward 19**

**The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen**

**Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020 as attested by**

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**Terry Kennedy**  
**Clerk, Board of Aldermen**

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**Lewis E. Reed**  
**President, Board of Aldermen**