

Resolution Number 57
Brittany Packnett

WHEREAS, the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc., in cooperation with the St. Louis Community Empowerment Foundation has selected 16 distinguished women to be honored at the *Salute to Women in Leadership Gala* celebrated on Friday, June 20 held at the Renaissance Grand Hotel in downtown St. Louis, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc. under the leadership of its President and CEO, Michael McMillan, strives to enhance the lives of individuals within the entire Metropolitan area of St. Louis and St. Clair County in Illinois by focusing on education, economic and housing development, senior programs, social services, and neighborhood stabilization and the recognitions of outstanding women who have demonstrated beyond the call of duty service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Brittany Packnett is the recipient of *the Salute to Women in Leadership Education Award* for her outstanding services as Executive Director of Teach for American-St. Louis where she is responsible for overseeing a central staff of 24, 150 current first and second year teachers and nearly 450 alumni serving over 20,000 students in St. Louis' lowest-income neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Brittany Packnett surpassed fundraising goals by 30% her first year with an upsurge in student academics, successful launch of a new local training institute and for the first time in the regions' 12-year history, grew the staff size and experience and dramatically increased teacher satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, Brittany Packnett has served as a director of Teach for "America's Federal Government Affairs team, supporting efforts to raise \$50 million; and

WHEREAS, Brittany Packnett currently serves on the board of Cultural Leadership, as well as the John Burroughs School Board of Trustees Diversity Committee, the Charmaine Chapman and Women's Leadership Societies, the Urban League of Metro St. Louis Education Committee and the Regional Business Council of Young Professionals.

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis owes its greatness to the tireless efforts and lofty standards of leading women such as Brittany Packnett, recipient of the Salute to Women in Leadership Education Award for her career achievements demonstrating a dedicated, altruistic commitment to her fellow citizens.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Brittany Packnett and we wish her continued success, achievement and accomplishment 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 honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 6th day of June, 2014 by:

Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward
Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

Adopted this the 6th day of June, 2014 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen