

Resolution Number 60
The Honorable Esther Haywood

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, the Honorable Esther Haywood is the recipient of *the Salute to Women in Leadership Civil Rights Award* for her outstanding service as president of the St. Louis County's oldest civil rights organization, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, serving the needs of St. Louis County's 94 municipalities, and previously was one of three African American teachers to help to integrate the Shelby County Public School System in Memphis, TN; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Esther Haywood served for eight years as the Democrat State Representative for the 71st District in the Missouri General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Esther Haywood, was an educator for 30 years in the East St. Louis, IL School District #189, and later served for 18 years as a member of the Normandy School District Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Esther Haywood is a strong community leader as a member of the Normandy Hospital Guild, charter member of Omicron Eta Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa alpha Sorority, Inc., St. Louis Links, and a member of NOBLE (National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women); and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Esther Haywood has received numerous awards and honors throughout her career including the National Council of Negro Women Trail Blazer Award, top Ladies of Distinction Mother of the Year, American Federation of Teachers Legislator of the Year Award and the NAACP Medgar Wiley Evers Freedom Legacy Award and a host of others.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the Honorable Esther Haywood 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