

Resolution Number 68
Anna Maria Horsford

WHEREAS, the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc., 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., 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, Anna Maria Horsford is the recipient of *the Salute to Women in Leadership Lifetime Achievement Award* for her outstanding acting, producing and directorial career; and

WHEREAS, Anna Maria Horsford has performed with such notables as Directors **Steven Spielberg, Woody Allen, Alan Pacula and Actors Meryl Streep, Harrison Ford, Samuel L. Jackson, Forrest Whitaker, Tom Cruise, Eddie Murphy, Morgan Freeman, Ice Cube, Christopher Reeve, Lucille Ball, Lauren Bacall, Mickey Rooney, the Wayans and Tyler Perry to name a few; and**

WHEREAS, Anna Maria Horsford was Harlem born. During her fist years in Hollywood, she become spoke person and fund raiser for the Institute of Black Parenting, an agency to increase adoption for black children with black families and single parent homes. While many think the hit NBC series *AMEN* was her break through project, Ms. Horsford had developed a plethora of fans by that time. Prior to coming to Hollywood, Anna had a solid list of accomplishments on and off Broadway including “for Colored Girls who have considered suicide...” the classic soap “The Guiding Light” and the TV movie “The Tap Dance Kid.” Ms. Horsford has appeared in over 100 movies and television programs; and

WHEREAS, Anna Maria Horsford tirelessly supports St. Louis’ civic initiatives such as the Matthews-Dickey Boys’ and Girls’ Club and she is a full paid a charter member of the Whitney Young Society of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Anna Maria Horsford 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