

**Resolution Number 217**  
**Darryl T. Jones**

**WHEREAS**, Darryl T. Jones was born in St. Louis on November 16, 1954 to the union of Nadine and Melvin Jones the third of their four children. Darryl's siblings are Cheryl, Melvin, and Glenda; and

**WHEREAS**, Darryl grew up in a loving and close-knit family in the 4600 block of Ashland in the fourth ward where his religious training was as a Catholic; and

**WHEREAS**, Darryl received his formal education from kindergarten through college in St. Louis, Missouri attending Hickey Elementary School (1960-1969) , St. Louis University High School (1969-1973) , St. Louis University (1973-1977) where he received a Bachelors Degree and finally Webster University where he received a MBA; and

**WHEREAS**, Darryl was a member of an Upward Bounds Program in the mid 1960's. Upwards Bounds is an organization committed to helping young people go to College Preparatory High Schools. While In the program Darryl met Douglas Young, James Baker, and Sterling S. Miller who would become lifelong friends. They attending St. Louis University High School together, played football together, were groomsmen in one another's weddings; and

**WHEREAS**, while attending St. Louis University and pledging Beta Gamma Beta Fraternity, Darryl met several other lifelong friends including, former St. Louis City Mayor Freeman Bosley, Jr., Judge Jimmie Edwards, and his other brother Daryl Neal; and

**WHEREAS**, Darryl has had a long and varied employment history from his early years working at the St. Louis Zoo to an employee of Southwestern Bell, to his current status as Entrepreneur Extraordinaire, partnering in many ventures throughout the City of St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, while employed by Southwestern Bell, Darryl was transferred to St. Joseph, Missouri where he met his future wife, love of his life and life partner Villajeane M. Hall. After a proper courtship Darryl knew Villa was the one and he and Villa were married in May 1986, becoming the parents of Darryl II in March 1988 and Daniel in February 1992; and

**WHEREAS**, Darryl's philosophy in life has always been to give back to the St. Louis Community by participating in activities and organizations throughout the Metropolitan area. Darryl is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. He has served or is currently serving on several Boards including but not limited to the Boards of Metropolitan Sewer District, Fontbonne University, Our Little Haven, Missouri Gaming Commission, St. Louis University High School, Black Alumni Association of St. Louis University, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, The Urban League of St. Louis, and multitude of other organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, during his lifetime Darryl has lived a a productive life as a loving son, brother, husband, father, and friend. He has also spent many many hours volunteering, helping others, and unselfishly giving back to the St. Louis Community. Because of his commitment to family friends, church, and community his wife Villa and many others thought it was time to honor and thank Darryl T. Jones.

**WHEREAS**, on November 16, 2014 Darryl T. Jones turned 60 years old and Villa hosted a SURPRISE early birthday party on Saturday, November 1, 2014 where a multitude of family and friends gathered to celebrate Darryl's 60th Birthday and shower him with praise. Those who know Darryl know that this was a Herculean feat to keep this party a secret from Darryl; and

**WHEREAS**, as the Chairman of a new fundraising sub committee of the Black Alumni Association, called the Pioneer of Inclusion Scholarship, which is a new Scholarship named after those 5 African American students who broke racial barriers by attending the SLU Campus 70 years ago. Darryl has hosted a series of successful fundraising events, setting a goal of gifting from African American Alumni of St. Louis University to the University for the 2014-2015 year in the amount of \$100,000.00 of which the total amount has been reached and which funds are to be used towards scholarships for first generation college students from a urban area; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Louis University wishes to thank and honor Darryl T. Jones for his selfless commitment to the St. Louis Community by bestowing upon him the Dr. Martin Luther King Community Service Award this January 16, 2015 during their annual Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King. The Celebration is a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebrating his life and accomplishments and recognizing St. Louis Leaders who have demonstrated a commitment to

diversity, equality, and civil rights; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis wishes to acknowledge the many contributions of Darryl T. Jones as important and significant and in furtherance of that acknowledgement seek to make a permanent record in the form of this resolution, congratulating Darryl T. Jones on the occasion of him receiving the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Award from St. Louis University.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Members of this Honorable Board of Aldermen join the sponsor of this resolution in expressing their deepest appreciation to Darryl T. Jones for all that he does for others in the St. Louis Metropolitan Community and to further congratulate him on receiving this prestigious award from St. Louis University.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of this Honorable Board of Aldermen be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution to be present to Darryl T. Jones at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced on the 16th day of January, 2015 by:

**Honorable Sharon Tyus, Alderwoman 1<sup>st</sup> Ward**

Adopted this 16th day of January, 2015 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen