

RESOLUTION NUMBER 238

Dr. Gloria Gordon

WHEREAS, the CWEA Polk Award recognizes the contributions of an individual who has consistently contributed leadership by example and contributions to the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 Polk Award is being given to Dr. Gloria Gordon; and

WHEREAS, Gloria is a longtime CWE resident who in her ninth decade remains an active participant in neighborhood activities and dedicated to her lifelong commitment to community organization. ; and

WHEREAS, Gloria Gordon is an inspirational individual who continues to enhance the lives of her neighbors and future generations in the CWE; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gloria Gordon is a retired psychologist who conducted research Columbia University and St. Louis University, on the way occupational stress and shift work affect the health and well-being of hourly workers; and

WHEREAS, earlier she worked as a McGraw-Hill science textbook editor; and

WHEREAS, in the 1950's she took part in the founding of the St. Louis Committee for Nuclear Information and the related Baby Tooth Survey; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, Dr Gordon spearheaded the effort to establish the StL Village. The Village movement around the country is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of people age 50+ who want to live at home and stay active as they age; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gordon serves on the founding Board of StL Village. She brings her experience in social movements and her passion for empowering people in the second half of life with more options for healthy living, community participation and creativity; and

WHEREAS, Gloria is also a member of the American Public Health Association, Missouri Psychological Association, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, OWL, and Central Reform Congregation; and

WHEREAS, she has two children, Lucy and Frederic Commoner.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that we wish to recognize Dr. Gloria Gordon on being awarded the 2015 Central West End Polk Award, and we wish her many more years of success; and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of this proceeding and to prepare a commemorative copy for presentation to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced on the 20th day of February, 2015 by:

Honorable Lyda Krewson, Alderwoman 28th Ward
Honorable Joseph Roddy, Alderman 17th Ward

Adopted this the 20th day of February, 2015 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen