

RESOLUTION NO. 44

Jovita Foster

WHEREAS, the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc. has selected 16 distinguished women to be honored at the *Salute to Women in Leadership Gala* celebrated on Friday, June 9, 2017, and held at the Marriott St. Louis 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 and Madison Counties in Illinois by focusing on self empowerment through 26 programs fostering education, economic and social services, neighborhood stabilization, and the recognition of outstanding women who have gone beyond the call of duty in service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Jovita Foster is the recipient of the Salute to Women in Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, Jovita Foster is an experienced litigator who has tried cases in both state and federal courts throughout Missouri; she is also a trusted advisor to senior management in all facets of employment and labor law; her clients include government agencies, municipalities, higher education systems and businesses of all sizes, from family-owned and closely held business to Fortune 100 companies; in addition, Foster serves on Armstrong Teasdale's Executive Committee and is chair of the firm's AT Inclusion Committee; and

WHEREAS, Foster currently serves as General Counsel of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, a member of Aim High, the American Employment Law Council, and the United Way of Greater St. Louis Women's Leadership Giving Initiative; she is a graduate of the University of Washington School of Law and the University of Missouri-Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis owes its gratitude to the tireless efforts and lofty standards of leading women such as Jovita Foster, recipient of the Salute to Women in Leadership Award for her career achievements, who has demonstrated 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 Jovita Foster as a Salute to Women in Leadership Award Honoree, and we wish our honoree continued success, achievement, and accomplishment. 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 honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 9th day of June, 2017, by:

The Honorable Marlene E. Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward

Adopted this the 9th day of June, 2017, as attested by:

Donna Evans-Booker
Assistant Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen