

Resolution Number 53

Dr. Donald Suggs

WHEREAS, in recognition of Father's Day, The Empowerment Network's (TEN) will honor Dr. Donald Suggs, publisher and executive editor of The St. Louis American Newspaper with a "Thank You" award; and

WHEREAS, The American has published many articles about TEN over the last five years, providing vital exposure about TEN's prostate cancer outreach program. "These stories have helped to raise the consciousness of men in the St. Louis community about prostate cancer, prostate health and prostate awareness," said Mellve Shahid Sr., TEN's founder and CEO. "Because of The St. Louis American, prostate cancer is no longer a whisper. Men are now taking that simple blood test with more ease, comfort and less fear." Shahid recalled that the newspaper was part his prostate cancer journey before TEN, when he was a five-month prostate cancer survivor on a solo mission. "The newspaper was there to carry the first story about me"; and

WHEREAS, in addition to honoring Dr. Suggs, Dr. Arnold Bullock, professor and urologist with the Center for Advanced Medicine at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and a TEN board member, will be the guest speaker; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis American has a circulation of over 70,000 and is the largest weekly newspaper in Missouri targeting African-American readers. It was named the top newspaper in the country in 2006; and

WHEREAS, TEN is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) prostate cancer advocacy organization working to improve the health and well-being of vulnerable high risk, urban males age 35 plus; and

WHEREAS, Prostate Cancer disproportionably impacts African American males as they are 60% more likely to be diagnosed with prostate cancer than other ethnic groups - and 2 ½ times more likely to die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, TEN provides support, awareness, educational and health resources to these men and their families. TEN enriches lives by using the power of the public and private sector to provide services to these neediest of men.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and thank Dr. Donald Suggs for his many contributions to the St. Louis Community, and we 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 her.

Introduced on the 7th day of June, 2013 by:

Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderman 19th Ward

Adopted this the 7th day of June, 2013 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen