

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 57**  
**Deborah Catchings Smith**

**WHEREAS**, the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc. has selected 14 distinguished women to be honored at the *Salute to Women in Leadership Gala* celebrated on Friday, June 19 held at the Renaissance 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 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 to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Deborah Catchings Smith is the recipient of *the Salute to Women in Leadership Civic Award* for her outstanding service as a 27-year corporate executive with expertise in the financial services industry currently holding the position of Vice President, Operational Risk Management at Citibank. She is responsible for the identification and global oversight of operational risk factors associated with consumer real estate mortgage lending for the bank; and

**WHEREAS**, Deborah Catchings Smith holds the position of International First Vice President of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority and is responsible for the membership oversight, engagement, educational training and personal development of the sorority's more than 90,000 members located in over 500 chapters in the United States, Bermuda, Bahamas, Canada, Germany, Korea and U.S. Virgin Islands; and

**WHEREAS**, Deborah Catchings Smith co-authored a \$550,000 federal grant application submitted to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in 2010 resulting in Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. being the first national sorority and first African-American sorority in CDC history to be awarded federal funding for providing HIV/AIDS education and awareness throughout our nation.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Deborah Catchings Smith as the Salute to Women in Leadership Civic Honoree and we wish our honoree 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 19th day of June, 2015 by:

**Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderman 19th Ward**

Adopted this the 19th day of June, 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