

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 61**

**Cheryl Miller**

**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 service to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Cheryl Miller is the recipient of *the Salute to Women Lifetime Achievement Award* for her outstanding career in women's basketball and currently as head coach at Langston University; and

**WHEREAS**, Cheryl Miller is the greatest player in the history of women's basketball and is credited with both popularizing the women's game and elevating it to a higher level. While at the University of Southern California (USC), she quickly became a star. In 1983, her first season at USC, Miller burst onto the national scene by leading the Trojans to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) women's basketball championship; and

**WHEREAS**, Cheryl Miller followed up her two NCAA championship seasons by leading the U.S. women's team to its first Olympic gold medal in the 1984 Summer Games in Los Angeles and in 1986 led American teams to titles at the women's World Basketball Championship in Moscow and at the Goodwill Games, in which the United States defeated the Soviet Union to secure the gold medal. Miller was widely considered the best women's basketball player in history; and

**WHEREAS**, Cheryl Miller became the first female analyst to broadcast a nationally televised men's professional basketball game. Upon the establishment of a new women's professional basketball league, the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA), Miller returned to the court as head coach and general manager of the Phoenix Mercury. She was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1995.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Cheryl Miller as the Salute to Women in Leadership Lifetime Achievement Award 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