

Resolution Number 67

Darlene Davis

WHEREAS, the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc., Inc. in cooperation with the St. Louis Community Empowerment Foundation has selected 16 distinguished women to be honored at the *Salute to Women in Leadership Gala* celebrated on Friday, June 20 held at the Renaissance Grand Hotel in downtown St. Louis, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc., 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, Darlene Davis is the recipient of *the Salute to Women in Leadership Business Award* for her outstanding service and commitment to the community through her business and personally; and

WHEREAS, Darlene Davis is the Principal owner of Davis Associates, CPAs, a full service CPA firm providing accounting, audit, tax, payroll, management consulting, litigation support, and educational seminars and training services. The firm primarily serves small to middle market businesses, not-for-profits, churches, clergy, and individual clients. As the Managing Partner of the firm, she travels the country presenting the “Church Accounting & Clergy Tax Seminars®” to clergy and church organizations with the intent of educating Pastors on IRS tax code specific to clergy tax law and compliance; and

WHEREAS, Darlene Davis is a board member of the Washington University sponsored African Heritage Association, which annually produces the African Arts Festival in Forest Park. She lends her expertise to Harris Stowe University as a member of the Workforce Preparedness Advisory Council. She is the Founder and Executive Director of Accounting Support Services Training Institute (ASSTI); and

WHEREAS Davis has been recognized and profiled as one of the “25 Most Influential Women in Business” by the St. Louis Business Journal. The AICPA in conjunction with the MSCPA identified Davis as a “Woman CPA to Watch”. She is a “Financial Services Advocate of the Year” as determined by the United States Small Business Administration. The St. Louis Minority Business Council selected Davis as an “MBE of the Year” for her outstanding business performance and assistance to other MBE organizations. The Center for Racial Equality bestowed the honor of “Phenomenal Woman Awardee” to Davis. Davis has received numerous other awards, honors and recognition in celebration of her leadership roles and giving back to the community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Darlene Davis and we wish her 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 6th day of June, 2014 by:

Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

Adopted this the 6th day of June, 2014 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen