

## RESOLUTION 120

### Gerald Horne

**WHEREAS**, the members of the St. Louis Board of Aldermen always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of Show-Me-State natives who admirably have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, Gerald Horne holds the Moores Professorship of History and African American Studies at the University of Houston; Dr. Horne received his Ph.D. in history from Columbia University, his J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley and his B.A. from Princeton University; and

**WHEREAS**, Gerald Horne has attained considerable distinction as a university professor, prolific historian, trade union leader, community activist and lawyer; he is the author of more than thirty books on African American history, the labor movement, the inter-section of race and class and hundreds of scholarly articles; he has served on the editorial boards of *Political Affairs*, *Science & Society*, and *Nature, Society & Thought*, among other academic publications; and

**WHEREAS**, Gerald Horne enjoys a stellar reputation in light of his commitment to the struggle for workers' rights, social and economic justice, peace and international solidarity; he served as director of the Affirmative Action Coordinating Committee, a joint project of the National Lawyers' Guild, the National Conference of Black Lawyers and the Center for Constitutional Rights; and

**WHEREAS**, Gerald Horne received 305,697 votes as a U.S. Senate candidate on the Peace & Freedom Party ticket in California in 1992; and served as Special Counsel to Local 1199 of the Service Employees International Union (Health and Hospital Workers) in New York City; and speaks regularly on the topics of the struggle against racism and sexism and for workers' rights; and was a long-time leader in the anti-Apartheid Movement; and

**WHEREAS**, Gerald Horne started his academic career early in life; he was the Vale Victorian and president of class at Beaumont High School and received the distinguished Harvard Book Award while still a student due to academic excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 22, 2017, Gerald Horne will enhance his already impressive record of achievement when he receives the *St. Louis Workers' Education Society's* first-ever *WES Awards*.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by this honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to unanimously applaud the well-deserved selection of Gerald Horne for the *St. Louis Workers' Education Society's WES Awards* and to convey to him this City's legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many years to come 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 honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 30th day of August, 2017 by:

**The Honorable Cara Spencer, Alderwoman 20<sup>th</sup> Ward**

Adopted this 30th day of August, 2017 as attested by:

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Donna Elliot  
Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen