

RESOLUTION 142
50th Musical Salute Honoring Patricia Lonita Reese-Spencer

WHEREAS, Patricia Lonita Reese-Spencer was born September 24, 1951, in St. Louis, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Patricia is a product of the St. Louis Public School system; she graduated from Beaumont High School; earned her Bachelors of Music Education from Webster University and post-graduate accreditations from the University of Missouri, Washington University and Vandercook College; and

WHEREAS, Patricia married Dr. Frederick Spencer and is mother of psalmist Anitra D. Spencer-Bratcher and percussionist Frederick J. Spencer, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Patricia, affectionately known as “Dr. Spencer”, “Miss Pat” or “Mama Pat” to many of those who love and respect her, is a retired Music Educator of 28 years with the Ferguson-Florissant School District. Her accomplishments include: Building Teacher of the Year, Apple for the Teacher Award, nominated by former students and then listed in the 1996, 1998, 2000, and 2002 editions of Who’s Who Among Americas’ Teachers, and is a proud recipient of Doris Jones Wilson Legacy Award (2003); just to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Patricia is known for her faithfulness and dedication to the gospel music ministry. She was called to serve as Minister of Music, as a teen, at the Christ Zion Tower M.B. Church under the leadership of Rev. Samuel F. Rabun. There she led the Youth choir, also known as the “Superstars” to receive the “When Singers Meet Outstanding Choir Award”. Under her leadership, the choir was one of the first youth choirs in the city of St. Louis to record their first hit single, “Yes My Jesus Is” produced by Brother Columbus Gregory; and

WHEREAS, she has served as Minister of Music for several churches in the city, spiritually enhancing the worship experience and exhorting worshippers into the presence of God through the gift of Music; and

WHEREAS, being a Minister of Music for over 30 years and traveling extensively across the United States, Patricia has spread the gospel like no one else. Whether performing at a revival in New York City or a convention deep in Tennessee, Patricia is the master of making a joyful noise. We honor and salute you.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations and join with the family and friends to honor Patricia Lonita Reese-Spencer and salute her enormous contributions to Gospel music 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 the family at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 22nd day of September, 2017 by:

The Honorable Marlene E. Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward

Adopted this 29th day of September, 2017 as attested by:

Board of Aldermen
Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen