

RESOLUTION NUMBER 199

Natalie DuBose

WHEREAS, Saint Louis University and the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, in partnership with Ameren, will host its fifth annual memorial tribute honoring the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on January 12, at which a number of our most engaged fellow citizens and organizations will be honored with awards; and

WHEREAS, we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor Natalie DuBose, recipient of the Community Service Award; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Ms. DuBose began selling dessert cups and cakes at a local flea market; as her popularity grew, she began selling her desserts as a full-time job; in June 2014, Ms. DuBose established Natalie's Cakes and More in Ferguson, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, in August 2010, her business suffered unexpected damage and loss of customers due to the turmoil and protests related to the death of Michael Brown; and

WHEREAS, Ms. DuBose persevered; she rebuilt the bakery in the same location; her business is thriving, once again, and she is giving back to the Ferguson community; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with Connections for Success, Ms. DuBose has established Natalie's Sweet Success that gives 100 percent of its cookie sales to at-risk youths; with these funds, youths are provided with opportunities for personal and professional development instruction courses, paid culinary and customer service training classes, and access to college scholarships.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to join with friends, family, and colleagues of Natalie DuBose as we recognize and thank her for her commitment to the community of Ferguson as owner of Natalie's Cakes and More. 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 12th day of January, 2017, by:

Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward
Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen

Adopted this 12th day of January, 2017, as attested by

Timothy G. O'Connell
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen