

RESOLUTION NUMBER 202
Eugene B. Redmond

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 Eugene B. Redmond, recipient of the Arts & Culture Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Redmond has many titles that serve as a testament to the impact and scope of his 50 years of leadership in education, literary and performing arts, publishing, editing, and audience development; and

WHEREAS, during his career, Mr. Redmond has been Poet Laureate of East St. Louis, as well as Emeritus Professor of English, Founding Editor of Drumvoices Revue, and former Chairman of the Creative Writing Committee, all at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville; and

WHEREAS, he is also known for his activism and his membership in the East St. Louis 1917 (Race) Riot Centennial Commission and Cultural Initiative; and

WHEREAS, at SIUE, he was the first African American editor of the student newspaper, and in 1963, he participated in the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom; he helped found the *East St. Louis Monitor* newspaper, where he wrote weekly columns and edited the paper's editorial page; and

WHEREAS, during his career, Mr. Redmond has earned a Pushcart Prize: Best of the Small Presses; a National Endowment for the Arts Creative Writing Fellowship; and American Book Awards for two books: *The Eye in the Ceiling* and *Arkansippa Memwars*.

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 the friends and colleagues of Eugene B. Redmond to recognize and thank him for his commitment to art, culture, and literature. 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