

RESOLUTION NUMBER 213

Dr. Marabeth Elaine Gentry

WHEREAS, Dr. Marabeth Elaine Gentry was born in St. Louis to Joshua E. and Geneva D. Gentry; and

WHEREAS, she has received many awards and recognitions from civic, community, education, and religious national organizations for her involvement and work, and was made an honorary member of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority; and

WHEREAS, she most recently received the Thomas A. Dorsey Most Notable Achievement Award on February 19, 2016, in Las Vegas during the Pre-Show for the 31st Annual Stellar Gospel Music Awards; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gentry is a graduate of Vashon High School and a member of the Vashon Hall of Fame; and is also a graduate of Harris-Stowe State University and a Distinguished Alumna of the University; and

WHEREAS, she received a master's degree in music from Webster University and took graduate courses at Washington University of Saint Louis; and

WHEREAS, she retired from the Saint Louis Public School System with 32 years of service as an educator; and

WHEREAS, she has been a lifetime member of Christ's Southern Mission Baptist Church where she currently serves as Minister of Music; and

WHEREAS, she is the program coordinator for When Singers Meet, Inc.®, which was founded by Joshua and Geneva Gentry; she has served since 1968 with When Singers Meet, Inc.® at the Salvation Army (Harbor Light); and

WHEREAS, she has appeared on radio and television programs locally, nationally, and internationally and has traveled extensively throughout the United States and abroad to sing; she has recorded her own album and appeared on many others; and

WHEREAS, she is a lifetime member of the National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses, Inc. (founded by Dr. Thomas A. Dorsey, writer of the beloved hymn, "Take My Hand, Precious Lord") where she currently serves as National President. The NCGCC is the oldest African-American Gospel singing organization in the United States.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to recognize the many contributions of Dr. Marabeth Elaine Gentry and congratulate on her recent award. Further, 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 presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 4th day of March, 2016, by:

The Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward

Adopted this the 4th day of March, 2016, as attested by:

Timothy O'Connell
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen