

Resolution Number 236

Tradition Redefined: The Larry and Brenda Thompson Collection of African American Art

WHEREAS, *Tradition Redefined: The Larry and Brenda Thompson Collection of African American Art* opened at the Saint Louis University Museum of Art on Friday, February 21. The Thompsons will be in-gallery at 6 p.m. on Friday, February 28 for a “meet the collectors” reception. Both events are free and open to the public; and

WHEREAS, the exhibition features more than 60 sculptures, oil paintings, mixed media and ceramics by celebrated African-American artists including Romare Bearden, Thelma Johnson Streat and Henry O. Tanner. Contemporary artists include Radcliffe Bailey, Howardena Pindell and William T. Williams. *Tradition Redefined* continues through Sunday, May 18; and

WHEREAS, the exhibition was organized by the David C. Driskell Center for the Study of Visual Arts and Culture of African-Americans and the African Diaspora at the University of Maryland, College Park. *Tradition Redefined* is supported in part, by a special fund from the Office of the President at the University of Maryland, College Park, and a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council. The works are owned by the Georgia Museum of Art, University of Georgia and The Larry D. and Brenda A. Thompson Collection of African-American art; and

WHEREAS, the Thompson Collection includes the work of notable artists, as well as those by artists who have been considered emerging, regional or lesser known and have typically not been recognized in the traditional narratives of African-American art.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the opening of *Tradition Redefined: The Larry and Brenda Thompson Collection of African American Art* 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 presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 28th day of February, 2014 by:

Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward

Adopted this the 28th day of February, 2014 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen