

RESOLUTION NUMBER 7
HONORING DR. MARABETH E. GENTRY

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis Board of Aldermen pauses today to recognize and applaud Dr. Marabeth E. Gentry a native of St. Louis, Missouri for her many accomplishments and contributions locally and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Marabeth Gentry is the daughter of the late Joshua and Geneva Gentry and is a distinguished alumnus of Harris Stowe State University; she received a Master of Arts in Music from Webster University and an Honorary Doctorate from Easter Theological Seminary; she was twice selected as a Who's Who Among American Teachers and is a retired educator from the St. Louis Public School System after 32 years of service; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her public service, Dr. Marabeth Gentry is known as a world-acclaimed psalmist; she has appeared on radio and television programs locally, nationally, and internationally, and has traveled extensively throughout the United States and abroad; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gentry has recorded one album featuring her talents and appeared on many others and is known as "The Sanctified Opera Singer" and has also become known as a multi-talented singer who sang Gospel, Opera, Broadway and Soul Tunes; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 at the 80th annual gathering of the National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses (NCGCC) held in Washington, DC, Dr. Marabeth Gentry was elected National President and before her elevation she had served as 1st Vice President for almost twenty years alongside the late NCGCC President Bishop Kenneth Moales, Sr. and under her leadership and vision the NCGCC membership and awareness of the convention has increased; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Marabeth Gentry is currently the President for When Singers Meet, Inc. a Gospel music performance organization that she partnered with The Salvation Army for over 40 years. Dr. Gentry is a two-time Stellar Award recipient and in March 2018 she was inducted into the Stellar Awards Honors Hall of Fame; she has received numerous awards including the Legacy Award from the St. Louis County Chapter of the NAACP; and

WHEREAS, as an honorary member of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority she has received many awards and much recognition from civic, community, educational and religious national organizations for her accomplishments and work and in her humble way she credits all accomplishments to God's presence and hand on her life.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to recognize Dr. Marabeth E. Gentry and to thank her for her many contributions to the St. Louis region and throughout the world 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 memorial copy to the end that it may be presented to the honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 26th day of April, 2019 by:

Honorable Samuel Moore, Alderman Ward 4

Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman Ward 19

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen

Adopted this 26th day of April, 2019 as attested by

Terry Kennedy
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen