

Resolution Number 16
Jesse Jackson, Sr.

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that Civil rights leader and two-time Democratic presidential candidate Jesse Jackson, Sr. is visiting our great city to network and discuss Medicaid Reform, Disparities in the African American communities and Economic strategies; and

WHEREAS, Jesse Jackson, Sr. became one of the most influential African-Americans of the late 20th century. He rose to prominence working within Martin Luther King Jr.'s Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and was at the Memphis hotel with Dr. King when he was assassinated; and

WHEREAS, during the 1980s and 1990s he negotiated the release of dozens of international hostages and prisoners. In his 1984 and 1988 presidential campaigns, Mr. Jackson won 16 state contests and millions of votes, making him the first viable African-American candidate for president; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson was an early supporter of Barack Obama's successful 2008 presidential campaign. On the night of Obama's election, he was photographed on stage at the victory celebration, tears streaming down his face as he recalled Martin Luther King and others who had died in the struggle for civil rights.

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 achievements and efforts of Jesse Jackson, Sr. and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread 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 on the 22nd day of April, 2014 by:

Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward
Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

Adopted this the 25th day of April, 2014 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen