

Resolution Number 22
Sister Mary Antona Ebo

WHEREAS, Sister Mary Antona Ebo is receiving the Lifetime Achiever in Health Care Award at the St. Louis American Foundation's Salute to Excellence in Health Care Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Sr. Ebo was born in Bloomington, Illinois in 1924 to Daniel and Louise Teale Ebo; and

WHEREAS, Sr. Ebo has dedicated her life to helping people in many different walks of life with many different struggles; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, three days after "Bloody Sunday" in Selma, Alabama, Sr. Ebo was the first Black sister to march in Selma; and

WHEREAS, in 1967, her appointment as the Executive Director of St. Clare Hospital in Baraboo, Wisconsin was the first time an African American woman was the administrator of a Catholic hospital in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, Sister participated in the founding of the National Black Sister's Conference from whom she also received the Harriet Tubman Award "as a Moses for her people"; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Loyola University awarded Sr. Ebo with the first of five honorary degrees: Doctor of Humane Letters; the four other honorary degrees have been given by the College of New Rochelle of New York (2008), Aquinas Institute of Theology (2009), St. Louis University (2010), University of Missouri-St. Louis (2010); and

WHEREAS, from 1987-1991, Sr. Ebo served her religious congregation as a Councilor General, following that appointment she was a pastoral associate at St. Nicholas Church in St. Louis until 2005; and

WHEREAS, Sr. Ebo continues her contact with various organizations concerned with social justice, including the National Black Sister's Conference.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor Sister Mary Antona Ebo, and direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of the resolution over the permanent rolls of this Board and to prepare a fitting copy of this resolution to be presented to the honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by its sponsor.

Introduced on the 4th day of May, 2012 by:

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

Adopted this 4th day of Mat, 2012 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen