

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 30**

Ms. Mavis Thompson, Esq.

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that Ms. Mavis Thompson, Esq. will be receiving a Legal Advocacy Award at the St. Louis Community Empowerment Foundation's *Salute to Women in Leadership Awards Luncheon* on May 8, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, Mavis Thompson received a Bachelor of Science in nursing from the University of Missouri and returned to obtain a law degree later becoming the first female-elected Circuit Clerk for the City of St. Louis and the only African-American female to hold a citywide elected office, at that time. MS. Thompson also served as an assistant attorney general for the state of Missouri. In 1995, she graduated from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University; and

**WHEREAS**, as president of the nation's oldest and largest national association of predominantly African-American lawyers and judges, law professors and law students, Ms. Thompson leveraged her experience as a registered nurse to develop a member-focused, health-care initiative that addresses such areas as cardiac and mental health. She is committed to increasing the number of African-Americans pursuing law careers, and she spends time mentoring middle and high school students, law students and new attorneys.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Ms. Mavis Thompson, Esq. and we wish her continued success, achievement and accomplishment 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 be presented to our honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 29th day of April, 2010 by:

**Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderman 19th Ward**

Adopted this the 29th day of April, 2010 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen