

RESOLUTION NUMBER 36
Dr. Marabeth Elaine Gentry

WHEREAS, Dr. Gentry is a native of Saint Louis and the daughter of Joshua E. (deceased) and Geneva D. Gentry. She is a graduate of Vashon High School and a member of the Vashon Hall of Fame. She is a graduate of Harris-Stowe State University and a Distinguished Alumnus of the University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gentry received a Masters Degree in Music from Webster University and took graduate courses at Washington University of Saint Louis; and

WHEREAS, she is a retired educator of the Saint Louis Public School System with thirty-two (32) years of service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gentry is a lifetime member of the Christ's Southern Mission Baptist Church where she currently serves as Minister of Music. She is the Program Coordinator for When Singers Meet, Inc.® founded by Joshua & Geneva Gentry and has served since 1968 with When Singers Meet, Inc.® at the Salvation Army (Harbor Light); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gentry is an Honorary Member of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority. She has received many awards and recognitions from civic, community, education and religious national organizations for her involvement and work; and

WHEREAS, she has appeared on radio and television programs locally, nationally and internationally and has traveled extensively throughout the United States and abroad singing; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gentry is a lifetime member of the National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses, Inc. (founded by Dr. Thomas A. Dorsey, writer of the beloved hymn, *Take My Hand, Precious Lord*) where she currently serves as National President. The NCGCC is the oldest African-American Gospel singing organization in the United States. She has recorded one (1) album and appeared on many others.

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 many accomplishments of Dr. Marabeth Elaine Gentry 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 honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 24th day of May, 2012 by:

Honorable Dionne Flowers, Alderwoman 2nd Ward

Adopted this the 24th day of May, 2012 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

