

RESOLUTION NUMBER 50

Rebecca L. Bennett

WHEREAS, the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc has selected 14 distinguished women to be honored at the *Salute to Women in Leadership Gala* celebrated on Friday, June 19 held at the Renaissance Grand Hotel in downtown St. Louis, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc. under the leadership of its President and CEO, Michael McMillan, strives to enhance the lives of individuals within the entire Metropolitan area of St. Louis and St. Clair and Madison Counties in Illinois by focusing self empowerment through 26 programs fostering education, economic, senior programs, social services, and neighborhood stabilization and the recognitions of outstanding women who have demonstrated beyond the call of duty to the community; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca L. Bennett is the recipient of the Salute to Women in Leadership Civic Award for her outstanding services as Founder and Principle of Emerging Wisdom, LLC a forward-thinking social enterprise that helps individuals live empowered lives; leaders build impactful organizations; and communities advance brighter futures; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca L. Bennett has helped thousands of people effect positive change in the areas of economic development, educational equity, public health and safety, environmental sustainability, diversity and inclusion, community wellness and women and girls' empowerment; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca L. Bennett has served as board chair for the Professional Organization of Women, Youth in Need, Respond, and Boys Hope Girls Hope, as well as serving Mentor St. Louis and supports numerous other organizations; and career achievements demonstrate a dedicated, altruistic commitment to her fellow citizens.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Rebecca L. Bennett as a Civic Leader and we wish our honoree 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 19th day of June, 2015 by:

Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderman 19th Ward

Adopted this the 19th day of June, 2015 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen