

RESOLUTION NUMBER 50
The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan

WHEREAS, the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan has served the Black Community and Humanity with distinction and dedication for nearly sixty years; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan was born on May 11, 1933 in Bronx, New York and was reared in a highly disciplined and spiritual household in Roxbury, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Minister Farrakhan, achieved fame in Boston as a vocalist, calypso singer and violinist, but left show business to dedicate his life to work of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad and the Nation of Islam; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan served as Minister of Boston, Mass. from 1957-1965 and Minister of Harlem, NY from 1965-1975 as well as being appointed the National Representative of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad and the Nation of Islam; and

WHEREAS, after the departure of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad in 1975 and the re-appraisal of the condition of Black people and the value of the Teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, Minister Farrakhan decided to return to the teachings and program with a proven ability to uplift and reform the Black Community; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan's tremendous success is evidenced by mosques and study groups in over 120 cities in America, Europe, the Caribbean and missions in West Africa and South Africa devoted to the Teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad; and

WHEREAS, the historic 1995 Million Man March on the Mall in Washington, D.C., which drew nearly two million men. Minister Farrakhan was inspired to call the March out of his concern over the negative image of Black men perpetuated by the media and movie industries, which focused on drugs and gang violence. In rebuilding the Nation of Islam, Minister Farrakhan has renewed respect for the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, his Teachings and Program.

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 Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan and we wish him 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 honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 31st day of May, 2013 by:

Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward

Adopted this 31st day of May, 2013 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen