

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 54**  
**Mary Harper Thomas**

**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**, Mary Harper Thomas is the recipient of *the Salute to Women in Leadership Civic Award* for her outstanding service; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Harper Thomas has served on the boards of Deaconess College of Nursing and Our Lady of the Pillar School. Mary Harper Thomas is a former member of the Parent's Council of John Burroughs Schools and has chaired the Morehouse College Parents Annual giving Campaign; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mary Harper Thomas is the founder and president of the St. Louis Morehouse College Parents Association, a founding member of the Morehouse Parents Council; president of the Auxiliary to the Mound City Medical Forum; Regional Vice-President of the Auxiliary to the National Medical Association, Gala Committee Co-Chair of Meds & Food for Kid; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Harper Thomas is featured in St. Louis' Most Influential, and Who's Who in Black St. Louis; a former board member of Economic Growth Initiative for Haiti; a member of the St. Louis Chapter of Links, Inc. and a member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Mary Harper Thomas as the recipient of the Salute to Women in Leadership Civic Award 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:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen