

RESOLUTION NUMBER 55
The St. Louis Chapter of the Drifters, Inc.

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that on May 15, 2011 the Young Orators Fest will be presented by the St. Louis Chapter of the Drifters, Inc. at the offices of 100 Black Men of Metropolitan St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, Young Orators are students enrolled in schools in the Metropolitan St. Louis Area. The Young Orators Fest takes its origin from the Brittany Woods Poetry and Public Speaking Club - a labor of love - founded by retired teacher, Drifter Josephine Harvey of the St. Louis Chapter in 1986; and

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of this event grew out of the organization's desire to provide a forum by which youngsters could enhance their oratorical skills and various talents and to encourage them to become wiser through exposure to lectures and literary selections, and to enrich their ability to express themselves before an audience; and

WHEREAS, the St. Louis Chapter of the Drifters, Inc., goal is lifting the educational aspirations of young people. Promoting and demonstrating to the community the oratorical, communication skills, and other talents have proven to be both successful and gratifying; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, at the 42nd National Convention of The Drifters, Incorporated, the Orators Fest concept was adopted by the Drifters, Inc. as one of its national programs; and

WHEREAS, all members of The St. Louis Drifters are truly grateful to President William Luster and all the Gentlemen of 100 Black Men of Metropolitan St. Louis for hosting their 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 St. Louis Chapter of the Drifters, Inc. 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 for presentation to our honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 13th day of May, 2011 by:

Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward
Honorable Dionne Flowers, Alderwoman 2nd Ward

Adopted this the 13th day of May, 2011 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen