

RESOLUTION NUMBER 59

Mary Ann Wagner

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 County in Illinois by focusing on education, economic and housing development, senior programs, social services, and neighborhood stabilization and the recognition of outstanding women who have demonstrated beyond the call of duty to the community; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Wagner is the recipient of *the Salute to Women in Leadership Media Award* for her outstanding work as the director of Lee Enterprises Niche Division in St. Louis and formerly the promotions director at Suburban Journals; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Wagner is the organizer of The Old Newsboys Fund which serves 100,000 underprivileged children each year since 1988, Wagner taking the organization to the next level by growing the charity from \$4 million to \$19 million; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Wagner is a recipient of numerous professional awards for advertising and promotions campaigns, specialty publications and community service, including the Missouri Press Association and Suburban Newspapers (now Local Media) of America, as well as the Missouri Professional Communicators "Quest" award, Kids in the Middle "World of Children" award, University City Children's Center "For the Love of Children" award and Lee Enterprises President's Awards for Innovation and Spirit; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Wagner serves on the board of Heat Up - Cool Down St. Louis, as well as the Heron Fund which provides funds to build wells in Africa and she is a member of the National Association of Professional Women and the Whitney M. Young Society.

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 Ann Wagner as the Salute to Women in Leadership Media Award Honoree 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