

Resolution Number 59
Rev. Dr. Doris Graham

WHEREAS, the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc., in cooperation with the St. Louis Community Empowerment Foundation has selected 16 distinguished women to be honored at the *Salute to Women in Leadership Gala* celebrated on Friday, June 20 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 recognitions of outstanding women who have demonstrated beyond the call of duty service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Doris Graham is the recipient of *the Salute to Women in Leadership Education Award* for her outstanding service as Vice Chair of the St. Louis Community College District representing the North County, Sub District 1 and nationally as an Associated Member of the Diversity Committee for the Association of Community College Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Doris Graham is an ordained minister and charter member of the Prayer Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, a Golden Life member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Central Regional Director of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc., charter member of the Coalition of 100 Black Women, member of the Gospel Music Workshop of America, St. Louis Concert Choir and many other civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Doris Graham has mentored, motivated and influenced many people through her educational, spiritual and community involvement, in her many roles; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Doris Graham has walked the line as a committed member of Local 420 Teachers Union, AFL-CIO, and was rewarded with their Lifetime Achievement Award for her dedication which was also demonstrated when she was the first black elected to the newly reorganized Ferguson-Florissant School District Board where she served for 23 years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Rev. Dr. Doris Graham and we wish her 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 6th day of June, 2014 by:

Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

Adopted this the 6th day of June, 2014 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen