

RESOLUTION NO. 62

Cheryl Jones

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 17, 2016, and held at the Marriott St. Louis 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 on self empowerment through 26 programs fostering education, economic and social services, neighborhood stabilization, and the recognition of outstanding women who have gone beyond the call of duty in service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Jones is the recipient of the Salute to Women in Leadership Civic Leadership Award for her work to help our region's citizens meet their goals for advancement; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Jones is the President & CEO of Girls Incorporated of St. Louis; Girls Inc. provides educational, recreational, and cultural programs to girls in a safe environment to enable them to raise their aspirations and realize their potential; Girls Inc. inspires all girls to be Strong, Smart and Bold!; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl for 17 years was the President of Jones & Associates, Inc., which focused on providing individuals and organizations with strategies and solutions to bring out their best performance and effect positive change; the company allowed her to live her passion to teach and inspire others to become leaders who can transform corporate America into a business environment where employees of all diverse backgrounds can experience extraordinary success; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl has been a staff trainer for the NCCJ Dismantling Racism (Any town Youth and Leaders Programs) and Focus St. Louis Leadership Program; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri owes its greatness to the tireless efforts and lofty standards of leading women such as Cheryl Jones, recipient of the Salute to Women in Leadership Civic Leadership Award for her career achievements, who has demonstrated a dedicated, altruistic commitment to her fellow citizens.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Cheryl Jones as a Salute to Women in Leadership Civic Leadership Award Honoree, and we wish our honoree continued success, achievement, and accomplishment. 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 17th day of June, 2016, by:

The Honorable Marlene E. Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward

Adopted this the 17th day of June, 2016, as attested by:

Timothy O'Connell
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen