

RESOLUTION NO. 67

Kathy Walker Steele

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, Kathy Walker Steele is the recipient of the Salute to Women in Leadership Education-Civic Leadership Award for her tireless work in her community; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Kathy Walker Steele was recruited to teach in the East St. Louis School District; starting as a substitute teacher, she quickly advanced to become a math specialist; she was able to engage in differentiating instructional skills to challenge and motivate her students; these innovative methods were noticed and rewarded; during her progressive 33-year career in the system, she advanced to become Supervisor of Elementary Education, Executive Director of Human Resources, and ultimately promoted to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Schools, where she managed a \$2.5 million federal grant; she currently serves as a teacher consultant at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville-East St. Louis Center; and

WHEREAS, she was elected to serve as the 2014-2018 Central Regional Director of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., where she is the 29th woman to serve in this position; under her leadership, Kathy has earned a reputation for taking on complex issues facing chapter operations and finding amicable and effective resolutions, while safeguarding the integrity of the chapters; and

WHEREAS, our region owes its greatness to the tireless efforts and lofty standards of leading women such as Kathy Walker Steele, recipient of the Salute to Women in Leadership Education-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 Kathy Walker Steele as a Salute to Women in Leadership Education-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