

RESOLUTION NO. 115
Cote Brilliante Presbyterian Church's 60th Anniversary

WHEREAS, in September 2016, Cote Brilliante Presbyterian Church is celebrating its 60th anniversary in church ministry, since being reopened and re-established in 1956 by the Rev. Dr. William G. Gillespie; and

WHEREAS, the Rev. Gillespie served as Pastor of Cote Brilliante for 53 years and retired on November 30, 2009; he passed from this world in June 2011; and

WHEREAS, the membership of Cote Brilliante Presbyterian Church developed into a loving, caring, sharing, serving congregation, through its fellowship and collaboratives throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, housing, youth, young adult and senior programs, education support and encouragement are all at the heart of Cote Brilliante in its commitment and service to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Men's Council, and Women's Association are but a few of the Cote Brilliante organizations that have provided avenues for ministry in the community; and

WHEREAS, Cote Brilliante serves as a cultural center, a place of refuge, and a source of guidance and hope for a community that strives to overcome the challenges of daily living; and

WHEREAS, from the revered initiative of the Rev. Dr. William G. Gillespie, who single-handedly reorganized the ministry of Cote Brilliante Presbyterian Church, to his successor, the Rev. Mary Newbern-Williams, who sustained the influential ministry, to the Rev. Clyde R. Crumpton, to whom the mantle was passed in 2015, in the power of God's Holy Spirit, directed by God's Word, the legacy must continue.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to mark the 60th Anniversary of Cote Brilliante Presbyterian Church, and we thank its congregation for its years of service to our community and our world. 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 at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 16th day of September, 2016, by:

The Honorable Samuel Moore, Alderman, 4th Ward

Adopted the 16th day of September, 2016, as attested by:

Timothy O'Connell
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen