

Resolution Number 119
Dr. Zelema Harris

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that Dr. Zelema Harris will be retiring June 30, 2011 as Chancellor of the St. Louis Community College system, a position she has held with distinction since 2007; and

WHEREAS, as the Chancellor of the St. Louis Community College, Dr. Harris serves as the Chief Executive Officer of a multi-campus college system consisting of four campuses offering over 130 academic programs which serve over 100,000 students annually with an annual budget of \$200 Million; and

WHEREAS, with over thirty years of experience, Dr. Harris has served as President of Parkland College in Champaign, Illinois, and President of Penn Valley Community College in Kansas City, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, locally, Dr. Harris serves on the Board of Directors of the United Way of Greater St. Louis, the St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association, the St. Louis Science Center, the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis and the Missouri Botanical Garden; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Harris has actively served the educational communities at the state and national levels. A few of the Board she has been an active member of are: the American Council of Education Board, the Higher Learning Commission of North Central Association of Colleges and Schools Board, the Council of Higher Education Accreditation, the Association for managing and using Information Resources in Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Harris has received many awards and honors including the Athena Award for Outstanding Business/Professional Woman from the Champaign County Illinois Chamber of Commerce, the International Leadership Award from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development, President of the Year from the American Association of Women in Community Colleges, and CEO of the year from the American Association of Community College Trustees; and

WHEREAS, during Dr. Harris's tenure at St. Louis Community College, the district received the 100 Black Men Outstanding Leadership Award the St. Louis American Corporate Diversity Award and was named to the Top 50 by the Regional Commerce and Growth Association.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the many contributions and selflessness of Dr. Zelema Harris and direct the Clerk of this Board to prepare a commemorative copy of this resolution 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, 2011 by:

Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman of the 19th Ward
Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis Board of Aldermen

Adopted this 17th day of June, 2011 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen