

RESOLUTION NUMBER 120
Hugh “Peanuts” Whalum

WHEREAS, Hugh “Peanuts” Whalum, a Memphis, Tennessee native has become a legendary fixture in the City of St. Louis as singer, composer, and multi-instrumentalist in pop, swing, jazz, blues and gospel standards on piano and tenor saxophone; and

WHEREAS, the work of this legendary musical genius, 75-years young, spans decades and crosses genres and generations include his self-titled debut album “Rendezvous Entertainment” produced by nephew, Kirk Whalum; and

WHEREAS, “Peanuts” graduated from Vashon High School and attended Wilberforce University where he obtained a degree in Chemistry and affiliated with Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. He then toured with the Lionel Hampton band on tenor sax, played at Carnegie Hall with Woody Herman, Billy Eckstein, Peggy Lee and Ella Fitzgerald. He has played solo piano at countless local hotels, theatres and clubs, where he gigged with Miles Davis and Ed Thigpen; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc, Gamma Omega Chapter will salute Hugh “Peanuts” Whalum during the Kirk Whalum and Family Smooth Jazz Concert on September 16, 2012, 4:00 P.M. at the Sheldon Concert Hall, City of St. Louis.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the achievements and accomplishments of Hugh “Peanuts” Whalum 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 honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 7th day of September, 2012 by:

Honorable Antonio D. French, Alderman 21st Ward

Adopted this the 7th day of September, 2012 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen