

Resolution Number 228

Al Colbert and St. Louis MusicFest

WHEREAS, Al Colbert is happily married to, Monica Colbert, and they have celebrated ten years of marriage. Al and Monica have four beautiful children together, Alejandro II, Mariah, Alexa and Alexander. While attending Texas Southern University, Mr. Colbert hatched the idea to create a different tax service company that catered to people's individual needs. In 1995 the first Colbert/Ball Tax Service office was opened; and

WHEREAS, Al Colbert, the Founder and CEO of America's largest and most recognized African-American tax service company, has taken his childhood dream and erected a multi-million dollar franchise with over 350 offices in 23 states. Mr. Colbert's desire to make life better for family and friends has driven him with relentless fervor; and

WHEREAS, Al Colbert has triumphantly unearthed the perfect mix for entrepreneurship. Mr. Colbert and business partner, Ja Ja Ball, pride themselves on quality products, quality service, and quality employees. This unique approach to tax service in the minority community has proven to be a great success; and

WHEREAS Mr. Colbert is a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated and because of his philanthropic and business efforts, Mr. Colbert has received awards from Ebony Magazine, YMCA Outstanding Achievement Award, and Black Enterprise's Special Achievement Award for Franchising. He was also the winner of the Prestigious Pinnacle Award for Top African American businesses in Houston. Colbert/Ball was recently ranked in Entrepreneur Magazine's Franchise 500; and

WHEREAS, Mr.Colbert built a sister company, Coball Entertainment in 2007 an entertainment conglomerate which has had tremendous success and attributes all of his personal and professional growth to placing God first and dedication to excellence in all endeavors.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Al Colbert and the St.Louis Music Fest and wish him continued success 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 14th day of February, 2014 by:

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen
Honorable Antonio French, Alderman 21st Ward

Adopted this 14th day of February, 2014 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen