

RESOLUTION NUMBER 316
Sylvia E. Wright Quigless

WHEREAS, Sylvia E. Wright Quigless is the daughter of the late Rev. James and Cassie Wright. She is a product of the St. Louis Public School System; she attended Cupples and Benton Elementary Schools and Beaumont High School. She graduated from Harris-Stowe State College Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She received her Masters in Business Administration from Webster University and from Lindenwood University, her Certification in Gifted Education; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia retired from the Normandy School District in 2001 after teaching twenty-seven and one half years. She taught at the elementary level and in the Gifted and Talented Center; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia's first voice teacher was her mother. She studied with Mother Willie Mae Ford Smith during her preteen years. In her teen years, she studied with Mr. Kenneth Brown Billups and later Mr. Weldon Whitlock; and

WHEREAS, she has been singing since the age of three when she was put on the table at church so she could be seen. The first songs taught by her mom were "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" and "When I Take My Vacation. ; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia performed in four shows at the St. Louis Municipal Opera as a member of the nationally renowned Legend Singers; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia made appearances on God's Musical World (KTVI) and Confluence (KMOX). She appeared in the gospel documentary "Say Amen Somebody" singing "Jesus Loves Me" which resulted in her recording a sound-track for the NBC-TV mini series "Kennedy, the Real Man"; and

WHEREAS, she has been presented in concert or as guest artist by many churches and other organizations in our metropolitan area and the United States. She was presented in her first concert by the Fairfax Baptist Church Music Department under the direction of Dr. Johnnie Howard Franklin Brown at Sheldon Memorial. In 1992 she was presented in her first concerts abroad in Zurich and Basal, Switzerland; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia has been a member of the SLGCU, Inc. since 1954. She has served on the finance committee, the Board of Directors and as First Vice-President. She became President of this great organization in 2002 and continues to serve with love and devotion; and

WHEREAS, she has been a member of NCGCC since age nine and has attended fifty-five conventions. She serves in the Soloist Bureau, on the Board of Directors and President of the second oldest music entity of the National Convention; and

WHEREAS, in 1990 Sylvia became dedicated to the St. Louis Christmas Carol Association, a charity that helps children. She serves as the Vice-Chairman, on the Executive and Allocation Committees and as the Normandy Area Chairman; and

WHEREAS, Sylvia is a member of the Mercy Seat Baptist Church under the pastoral ship of Rev. Dr. James Brown, Sr. where she is still singing solos and serving where ever needed to give God glory.

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 many achievements of Sylvia E. Wright Quigless and we 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 2nd day of March, 2012 by:

Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward

Adopted this the 2nd day of March, 2012 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen