

RESOLUTION NUMBER 318

Dr. Lynne Cooper

Whereas, we have been apprised that Dr. Lynne Cooper is being honored as the recipient of the "2012 Distinguished Fair Housing Service Award"; and

Whereas, Lynne Cooper's interest in HIV/AIDS began during her pastoral care residency at Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans in 1985. In 1988, she and others founded DOORWAYS, an Interfaith AIDS Residence Program to address the housing needs of people living with HIV/AIDS. She became Executive Director in 1989 and President 1996. DOORWAYS provides housing and care for 1000 households affected with HIV/AIDS each year, has an annual operating budget of \$6 million, and has brought over \$50 million of competitive federal housing dollars to Missouri; and

Whereas, Beginning with four apartments in 1988, today DOORWAYS offers: rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to over 400 households each month; apartments for 280 people, (including 80 children!); residential care for 36 persons too ill to live independently, but not needing hospitalization, in Missouri's first licensed residential care facility for persons with AIDS and programs for AIDS housing in out state Missouri and Illinois; and

Whereas, DOORWAYS has been recognized with numerous housing, historic preservation and best practice awards, including HUD's Gold Star for Community Partners and the MetLife Foundation's Award for Excellence in Affordable Housing; and

Whereas, Dr. Cooper has served on numerous state and national boards including President Clinton's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS. She currently serves on the boards of the National AIDS Housing Coalition, Women of Achievement and the Missouri Children's Trust Fund. She has volunteered at The Women's Safe House and assisted in the startup of The Community Wellness Project. Dr. Cooper's humanitarian work has reached many corners of the U.S. and several countries in Africa; and

Whereas, Dr. Cooper was recognized as a Woman of Worth by the Older Women's League, with the Administrator's Citation from the Health Care Financing Administration and with the Founders' Award from her Alma Mater, Fontbonne University. She also received the Initiative Award from Africans United Against AIDS Globally and the Sandra T. Spiritas Red Ribbon Lifetime Achievement Award from the AIDS Foundation of St. Louis; and

Whereas, Dr. Cooper holds a Master's Degree from the University of Notre Dame and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Eden Seminary.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Saint Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Dr. Lynne Cooper for being honored as the recipient of the "2012 Distinguished Fair Housing Service Award" and thank her for her many contributions to the City of Saint Louis 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 2nd day of March, 2012 by:

Honorable Lyda Krewson, Alderwoman 28th 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