

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 343**

**Xernona Clayton**

**WHEREAS**, the St. Louis Community Empowerment Foundation has selected 14 distinguished women to be honored at the *9<sup>th</sup> Annual Salute to Women in Leadership Luncheon* celebrated in the Crystal Ballroom at the Renaissance Grand Hotel in Downtown St. Louis, Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, The STLCEF, under the leadership of its Founder and Chairman, Michael McMillan, strives to enhance the lives of individuals within the City of St. Louis by focusing on education, economic and housing development, senior programs, social services, and neighborhood stabilization; and

**WHEREAS**, Xernona Clayton has been a historic leader in civic projects and civil rights activities; she coordinated the activities of Atlanta's Black doctors in a project called Doctors' Committee for Implementation which resulted in the desegregation of all hospital facilities in Atlanta and served as a model and a pilot for other states throughout the country and received national honor from the National Medical Association for its impact; and

**WHEREAS**, Xernona Clayton was employed at Turner Broadcasting for nearly 30 years as a corporate executive and was appointed Corporate Vice President for Urban Affairs with Turner Broadcasting System, Inc. directing internal and external projects and served as liaison between Turner and civic groups in Atlanta and across the country; Ms. Clayton was one of the highest-ranking female employees in Turner Broadcasting System; and

**WHEREAS**, Xernona Clayton is the Founder, President and CEO of the Trumpet Awards Foundation, Inc. and Creator and Executive Producer of the Foundation's Trumpet Awards, a prestigious event highlighting African American accomplishments and contributions initiated in 1993 by Turner Broadcasting; the Trumpet Awards has been televised annually and distributed internationally to over 185 countries around the world.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Xernona Clayton and we wish her continued success, achievement and accomplishment 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 honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 4th day of May, 2012 by:

**Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderman 19th Ward**

Adopted this the 4th day of May, 2012 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen