

RESOLUTION NUMBER 345

Shirley J. Drury

WHEREAS, the St. Louis Community Empowerment Foundation has selected 14 distinguished women to be honored at the *9th 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, Shirley J. Drury raised seven children before becoming Senior Vice President of the Drury Development Corporation, a privately-held real estate development and construction corporation with an emphasis in hotel development. Ms. Drury helped propel the company's astounding growth with innovative interior design and high quality renovations of existing properties; and

WHEREAS, Shirley J. Drury oversees 130 hotels across the country and nearly 3,500 team members as it has grown into one of the industry's most well-respected brands and has earned the J.D. Power and Associates Award for "Highest in Guest Satisfaction Among Mid-Scale Hotel Chains with Limited Service" for six years in a row, as well as taking top honors in customer satisfaction by the Market Metrix Hospitality Index; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Drury has demonstrated a commitment to the City of St. Louis manifested in the company's downtown properties: seven fully restored buildings, each lovingly revived reflecting a love and dedication to architecture, design and urban life. Ms. Drury's enthusiasm, generosity and expertise have been invaluable to restoration projects such as the Old Cathedral & St. Louis Art Museum, indicative of a lasting commitment to the City and its institutions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Shirley J. Drury 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:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen