

RESOLUTION NUMBER 349

Robbie Montgomery

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, Robbie Montgomery of St. Louis, Missouri toured the U.S. singing backup for Ike and Tina Turner during the 1960s; her stint as an “Ikette” launched a singing career that spanned over 20 years, including gigs as a background singer for The Supremes, Stevie Wonder, James Brown, Patti LaBelle and The Rolling Stones, among others; and

WHEREAS, Robbie Montgomery, with the help of her son Tim, opened the first Sweetie Pie's in 1996 and eight years later, a second location, Sweetie Pie's at the Mangrove. The two restaurants are nationally-acclaimed soul food restaurants founded in her hometown; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Robbie Montgomery is now planning Sweetie Pie's: The Upper Crust where she will combine restaurant, banquet hall, cooking school and performing arts space in one. Robbie remains devoted to charity outreach programs which help provide job training to formerly incarcerated men and women, and provide food to those in need.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Robbie Montgomery 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