

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 351**

**Valerie Patton**

**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**, Valerie Patton has held numerous management positions with Bank of America and Southwestern Bell and currently serves as an adjunct professor at the George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University; and

**WHEREAS**, as Executive Director for the Saint Louis Business Diversity Initiative, Valerie Patton is responsible for the strategic direction and management of workforce diversity and inclusion for the business community in the Saint Louis region through training, convening and consulting and is founder of the Initiative Fellows and Gateway Connections leading, serving and making a sustainable difference in the business community she serves; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Valerie Patton is currently on the board of directors for the United Way of Greater St. Louis, Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri and the St. Louis Public School Foundation. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.-St. Louis Alumnae Chapter and the LINKS-Gateway Chapter and is active in the Howard University Alumni Club of St. Louis, where she was a past president.

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