

RESOLUTION NUMBER 352

Mary Attyberry Polk

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, Mary Attyberry Polk is a native and resident of St. Louis, Missouri, she was educated at Marshall Elementary School and Sumner High School. She graduated from Stowe Teacher College with high honors. Ms. Polk began her prolific teaching career at Curtis Elementary School, while earning a Masters Degree from St. Louis University, then a Masters of Arts Degree in Elementary Education from Washington University; and,

WHEREAS, Mary Attyberry Polk worked as an Elementary Principal, Supervisor of Performance Standards, Chapter One Supervisor, Title One Supervisor, Facilitator for Schools, Curriculum Specialist and Beaumont-Sumner Reading Clinic Coordinator - all in the St. Louis Public Schools System; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mary Attyberry Polk began publishing “St. Louis Social Scene” in 1968 in the *St. Louis Sentinel Newspaper* and for over forty years emphasized positive cultural, artistic, and civic, “happenings” in the African American community to counter a dearth of unflattering representations in the white press; Ms. Polk later established Writers’ Incorporated.

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