

RESOLUTION NUMBER 13

Jackie Joyner-Kersey

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that Jackie Joyner-Kersey will be receiving a Leadership Award at the St. Louis Community Empowerment Foundation's 7th Annual Salute to Women in Leadership Awards on May 7 , 2010; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Joyner-Kersey, of East St. Louis, Illinois attended college at the University of California at Los Angeles, where she starred in both track & field and in women's basketball from 1980-1985; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jackie Joyner-Kersey is ranked among the all-time greatest athletes in the women's heptathlon as well as in the women's long jump. She won three gold, one silver, and two bronze Olympic medals in those two events. Ms. Joyner-Kersey is generally regarded as the Greatest Female Athlete of the 20th Century; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Joyner-Kersey established the Jackie Joyner-Kersey Foundation, which provides youth, adults, and families with the resources to improve their quality of life with special attention directed to East St. Louis, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Jackie Joyner-Kersey along with other celebrity athletes founded the "Athletes for Hope," a charitable organization, which helps professional athletes get involved in charitable causes and inspires millions of non-athletes to volunteer and support the community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Jackie Joyner-Kersey 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 honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 30th day of April, 2010 by:

Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderman 19th Ward

Adopted this the 30th day of April, 2010 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen