

*RESOLUTION NUMBER 90*

*WHEREAS*, Marie Watkins Parson, has rendered great service to St. Louis City and St. Louis County as a Hair Stylist for over 40 years. She came to St. Louis as a young lady after graduating from Poro Beauty College in Jackson, Mississippi; and

*WHEREAS*, while still in Jackson, Mississippi she met Mr. Robert Parson, whom she married and together they began a family which today includes three wonderful children, J. R., Kathy Parson and Manwell Parson; and

*WHEREAS*, Marie's first job in St. Louis was with Ardelle Beauty Salon, which was one of the most affluent Salons at that time; and

*WHEREAS*, Marie opened her first shop at 6100 Delmar and when her business flourished she decided to buy a building at 5977 Delmar, where she is still located; and

*WHEREAS*, she became an ordained minister and now serves as an associate minister for the People United for Christ Church where her brother, the Rev. Willie Watkins, is the pastor; and

*WHEREAS*, in addition to being a hair stylist for over 40 years, she serves the community daily by feeding the hungry and counseling to those who need counseling; and

*WHEREAS*, she feels that prayer has been the key to her success and faith has unlocked many doors for her; and

*WHEREAS*, she believes in waiting on the Lord, the verse that carries her day by day is Isaiah 40:31 "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."; and

*WHEREAS*, it seems right and fitting that on Sunday, August 20, 2006, we salute Marie Parson for her 40 years in business in the City of St. Louis, State of Missouri;

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor Marie Parson and we thank her for her many years of service to the St. Louis community and we direct the Clerk of this Board to prepare a commemorative copy of this Resolution to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time a place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced on the 17th day of August, 2006 by:

Honorable Bennice Jones-King, Alderwoman 21st Ward

Adopted this the 17th day of August, 2006 as attested:

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Patrick J. Connaghan  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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James F. Shrewsbury  
President, Board of Aldermen