

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 284**

**Earl Wilson, Jr.**

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that after 16 years of service as the President and CEO of the St. Louis Gateway Classic Sports Foundation, Earl Wilson, Jr. is retiring; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Wilson is married to Billie Wilson, is father of three daughters: Denise, Stacey and Kimberly (by first wife Margie Wilson who is deceased) and has one son Richard; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1957, Mr. Wilson received his B.S. in Education from Lincoln University. He also attended the U. S Army Corp of Engineers Officers' School located in Fort Belvoir, Virginia, where he became a Captain in the U.S. Army. In 1962 he attended the U.S Army NATO Officer PIO School in Paris, France and in 1963 he attended the IBM Sales School; and

**WHEREAS**, he has received three Honorary Doctorate Degrees; one from Lincoln University in 1981, one from Harris Stowe State College in 1997 and the other from the University of Arkansas in 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Wilson has received numerous awards and achievements throughout the years which consist of the St. Andrew's Remarkable St. Louisans, St. Louis CVC Commissioner Award, Moka Life Time Achievement Award, Harris Stowe State University President's Medallion, St. Louis Urban League Award of Merit, St. Charles Lwanga Center Award, Promethians Distinguished Service Award, Concerned Parent Award, St. Louis American Salute to Excellence in Business Award, Dr. Martin Luther King State Community Award, Supermarket-Veteran Benefit Day Award, Demetrious Johnson Charitable Foundation Award, Distinguished Youth Role Model Award, JUG outstanding Citizen Award, St. Louis Ozark USA Boxing Leadership Award, Citizen of the Year-Omega Psi Phi, AKA Sorority Gamma Omega Chapter-Outstanding Leader Award, Lincoln University Hall of Fame, Fort Leonard Wood Major General Special Achievement Award, Downtown St. Louis Incorporated Chairman of the Board Achievement Award, AKA Outstanding Award, 100 Black Men Outstanding Citizen Award, Missouri St. Louis Athletic Club Special Achievement Award, Lifetime Achievement Teachers Award, St. Louis Link Award, and the Fair St. Louis Award; and

**WHEREAS**, while working for IBM he was recognized with such awards as: IBM Manager of the Year, Summer Series Grand Slam Award, IBM Golden Circle Award, Top Manager Leadership Award, National Distribution Division Business Management Leadership Award, IBM Europe Outstanding Contribution Award, IBM Europe Exceptional Achievement Award, and the Outstanding Support Award for IBM in Ireland and Israel; and

**WHEREAS**, Currently, Mr. Wilson serves on many boards and committees which include: Regional Convention and Visitor's Commission, St. Louis Downtown Partnership, Harris Stowe Business Leadership Council, Ben Carson Scholarship Board, NAACP Lifetime Member, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Board of Directors of the William L. Clay Scholarship and Research Fund and President of Promethians, Inc; and

**WHEREAS**, previously he served on various committees such as: Coordinating Board of Higher Education, Board of Curators for Lincoln University, Department of State Task Force and Minority Recruitment for the Foreign Service, Lincoln University National Alumni Association, General Chairman of the United Negro College Fund; Chairman, Technical Advisory Board of the OIC, St. Louis County Human Rights Commission, Yeatman Economic Development Corporation, Board of Directors of Mark Twain Summer Institute, Board of Directors of Yeatman Central City Food State, Page Park YMCA Board of Managers, Hackensack Fair Housing Group, Youth Life Smith Committee, Building and Ground Committee for Lincoln University, Youth Division for the Board of North Side YMCA and Hubert Humphrey's Plan for Progress for the St. Louis Area.

**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 Earl Wilson, Jr. for his many accomplishments and achievements and we direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to further 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010 by:

**Honorable Kacie Starr Triplett, Alderwoman 6<sup>th</sup> Ward**

Adopted this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010 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

