

RESOLUTION NUMBER 48

Ruth Smith

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that the annual *Salute to Women in Leadership* will take place on Friday, May 9 and Ruth A. Smith will be the recipient of the Social Services Leadership Award. The luncheon gives recognition to women who excel in their work in a professional, civic, or social capacity in our region; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ruth A. Smith is the President/CEO of the Human Development Corporation of Metropolitan St. Louis (HDC). As the first female President/CEO of HDC, she has been the catalyst for their mission of "Helping People, Changing Lives." She supervises a network of programs that assists over 100,000 St. Louis area residents annually. These programs help residents to attain self-sufficiency and move on to achieve their full potential as human beings and members of the community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith Mrs. Smith is 'immediate past' president of the St. Louis Metropolitan Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, executive committee member of the St. Louis NAACP, and board member of the St. Louis Gateway Classic Sports Foundation and the Fathers' Support Center Board of Directors. She is affiliated with the Citizens for Missouri's Children, the Missouri Association for Social Welfare, the Missouri Association for Community Action Agencies, the American Association of University Women, the National Council of Negro Women, the Top Ladies of Distinction, the National Drop Out Prevention Association, the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc, member of the President's Council for Hopewell Center, served over the last five years as Judge for Coro-Fellows Program, has served on the major fund raising committees for Crisis Nursery Center (also served as Co-Chair of the Razzle Dazzle Ball), National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) and Annie Malone Children and Family Center; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith has received many awards and recognition for outstanding service. Her distinguished awards includes Clergy's Martin Luther King, Jr. Award, the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus - Gwen Giles Award, Bronze Brick - Missouri Historical Society, presentation of a "Star" in the St. Louis Gateway Classic Sports Foundation Walk of Fame, St. Louis Commerce 2008 Who's Who - St. Louis Business Leaders; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith received a degree in management from Maryville University in St. Louis, 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 Ms. Ruth A. Smith on her selfless dedication to helping others and for her continuous effort to make a difference in the St. Louis community 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 9th day of May, 2008 by:

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen
Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward

Adopted this the 9th day of May, 2008 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen