

RESOLUTION NUMBER 43

Gail Milissa Grant

WHEREAS, Gail Milissa Grant was born in St. Louis and grew up in south St. Louis on Arsenal Street. She is the daughter of Mildred and David M. Grant. She attended St. Pius and is a graduate of St. Elizabeth Academy; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Grant received her B.A. in Art History and Archaeology from Washington University in St. Louis in 1972. In 1974, she earned an M.A. in Art History from Howard University in Washington D.C., where she would later become an assistant professor of art and architectural history; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Grant was a Foreign Service officer with the U.S. Information Agency for more than twenty years, managing international, cultural and education exchange programs around the world. During her tenure, she was assigned to Norway, France and Brazil. In addition, she has won several awards for meritorious service; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Grant is a writer and public speaker based in Rome, Italy; and

WHEREAS, she has written her first book, “At the Elbows of My Elders” in which she writes about her father, David M. Grant, a lawyer, civil rights activist, and attorney for the St. Louis Board of Aldermen and describes the challenges she faced in navigating her way through institutions marked by prejudice.

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 Gail Milissa Grant 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 honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 15th day of May, 2009 by:

Honorable Kacie Starr Triplett, Alderwoman 6th Ward

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen

Adopted this the 15th day of May, 2009 as attested:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen