



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Carol Bartle was honored as one of this year's Women of Achievement in the St. Louis region on May 5, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Women of Achievement is the oldest, ongoing program in the St. Louis area whose sole mission is to honor and recognize the volunteer service and leadership of women; and

WHEREAS, since its founding in 1955 as an awards program by the St. Louis Globe-Democrat and later becoming the St. Louis Women of Achievement not-for-profit organization in 1993, Women of Achievement has dedicated itself to honoring women volunteers in the St. Louis metropolitan region, including Metro East, Illinois, who positively impact the community; and

WHEREAS, in the past 60 years the St. Louis Women of Achievement Award has been given to 602 women, representing diverse cultures, roles and accomplishments, who have generously donated their time, talents and resources in the areas such as, but not limited to, education, arts, health and human services, youth and family, philanthropy, social justice and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Women of Achievement honorees have contributed to the missions of more than 550 not-for-profit organizations in the community and their service has impacted thousands of lives, changing the cultural and social landscape of the region; and

WHEREAS, volunteering is a vital part of the community and economy of Belleville and the Metro East, and the survival of the community relies on volunteer services. Women of Achievement is committed to the ongoing public recognition of the indelible impact and selfless efforts of local women volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Carol Bartle was honored in the area of "Community Betterment" for her volunteer efforts in the metro-east for nearly 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Carol Bartle has volunteered for numerous organizations such as Art on the Square, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, Belleville 200, SWIC Foundation, Family Hospice, Masterworks Chorale, Zonta Club, Bethany Place, Women's Crisis Center, Lancer Improvement Association for District 201, and most recently, Carol has pledged to help raise funds for the construction of the September 11 Memorial Walkway of Southern Illinois.

Pride in the Past . . . Promise for the Future

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark W. Eckert, Mayor of the City of Belleville, Illinois, do hereby recognize and congratulate Carol Bartle as a 2015 Women of Achievement honoree and commend her for nearly 30 years of volunteer efforts in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Belleville to be affixed, this 18th day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen.

Mark W. Eckert
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