

Resolution Number 139
CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF JW ALUMINUM

WHEREAS, the earliest production of aluminum foil occurred in France in 1903. In 1911 in Bern, Switzerland, the unique triangular chocolate bar, Tobelrone, was wrapped in foil; and

WHEREAS, the first commercial use of foil was packaging Life Savers into the now famous shiny metal tube. During World War II early military applications included use of foil strips dropped from bombers to confuse and misguide radar tracking systems and was so vital to the defense effort that families were encouraged to save strips of foil; and

WHEREAS, 100 years ago, a millwright names James Johnston started a lead and tin foil business on the banks of the Mississippi River and called it, “The Tin Foil and Metal Company;” and

WHEREAS, in the 1960’s, the company, called AMAX, built up the organization through acquisition and added a major addition in 1974; and

WHEREAS, after 125 years of continuous operation, with seven changes in management, the successor company, JW Aluminum, still operates the oldest foil company in the U.S., high above the mighty Mississippi River.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate and recognize JW Aluminum for 125 years of continuous operation 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 honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 3rd day of October, 2014 by:

Honorable Thomas Albert Villa, Alderman 11th Ward

Adopted this the 3rd day of October, 2014 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen