

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 43
RECOGNIZING JEFF PLUNK AND JERRY JURAK
PROPRIETORS OF JJ'S CLUBHOUSE**

WHEREAS, on June 29th, 2000 Mr. Plunk and Mr. Jurak opened and operated an LGBT establishment at 3858 Market until its closure June 17th, 2021, holding at the time of its closure the distinction of being one of the oldest LGBT-owned and operated businesses in the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, JJ's Clubhouse served as a staple of the local LGBT Community nightlife, hosting such events as line-dancing, charity nights, as well as numerous organizations such as the Gateway Motorcycle Club, Blue Max, and the Show Me Bears for the near complete duration of their operation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Plunk & Mr. Jurak won numerous awards both national and international for their enterprise, notably receiving the distinction as a Top 5 LGBT Bar in the world; and

WHEREAS, innumerable citizens and visitors of the City of St. Louis found refuge inside their walls, a home on their dance floor, and a community in and of itself tucked under a bridge.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and acknowledge Mr. Plunk and Mr. Jurak and the numerous contributions they have made to the LGBT Community of St. Louis. 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 at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 17th day of June, 2021 by:
The Honorable Bill Stephens, Alderman 12th Ward
The Honorable Tina Pihl, Alderwoman 17th Ward
The Honorable Shane Cohn, Alderman 25th Ward

Adopted this 17th day of June, 2021 as attested by:

Terry Kennedy
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis Reed
President, Board of Aldermen