

**Resolution Number 39**  
**Christy Connor**

**WHEREAS**, Christy Connor has established a tradition of excellence in her small, St. Louis school. She's put in countless hours with her middle school students for the National History Day competition and has mentored several top-finishing student projects over her 20 years as a social studies educator, all while retaining superior performance in the classroom; and

**WHEREAS**, National History Day is a state- and national-level competition in which students choose historical topics and conduct extensive primary and secondary research with the support of their committed teachers; and

**WHEREAS**, Connor, a 6-8th grade Social Studies teacher at St. Raphael the Archangel School in St. Louis, Mo., has a record for top-honored students at the state contest (who then go on to compete at the national level). During her time participating in National History Day, Connor has helped students select topics, conduct hours of research, synthesize their findings, and present an engaging, finished product; and

**WHEREAS**, undertaking a National History Day project is a major time commitment for both students and their mentors. Connor volunteers above and beyond what's expected of most teachers, staying after school with her students every day from October through May and even on Saturdays to guide them in their projects. She also gives her time as a judge for other schools at the state competition where she provides thoughtful commentary and helps other students make their work stronger; and

**WHEREAS**, the most remarkable aspect of her students' great success in state and national competition is that they come from a school with less than 200 Kindergarten through eighth-grade students. In such a small school, Connor has created a culture of excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, her impact is not limited to National History Day. Despite all the time she puts in after school, Connor still maintains a high standard of excellence in her regular social studies classes; and

**WHEREAS**, Connor's students build a sense of pride and accomplishment over their years with her. With her guidance, students develop attributes crucial for their future success, such as critical thinking and problem-solving skills, research and reading skills, oral and written communication skills, and a sense of responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, after 40 years as an educator and 20 years of teaching social studies, Connor is an exemplary woman of character. St. Raphael the Archangel School may be small, but nothing about Connor's time there has been.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate Christy Connor on her many accomplishments and receiving the Missouri Humanities Excellence in Education Award and receiving and we wish her continued success and achievement 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 16th day of May, 2014 by:

**Honorable Donna Baringer, Alderwoman 16th Ward**

Adopted this the 16th day of May, 2014 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney

Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed

President, Board of Aldermen