

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 260**

**Chess Club of St. Louis**

**WHEREAS**, the Central West End Association's (CWEA) Renaissance Award is given each year to "to the commercial property that best demonstrates value-added contributions to the enhancement of the Central West End neighborhood." Former recipients include Maryland Plaza, Forest Park Forever, Saint Louis University and the St. Louis Actor's Studio; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's Renaissance Award is being awarded to the Chess Club of St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, in its first year, the Chess Club & Scholastic Center, 4657 Maryland Ave., hosted the most successful U.S. Chess Championship to date. The prestigious 164-year-old tournament took place over 10 days in May 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the Club also hosted the 2009 U.S. Women's Championship, which was held October 3 to 13 and included 10 of the most elite players in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chess Club of St. Louis also has remained active in the community, hosting and participating in several events at local venues, including the Muny, the Contemporary, Saint Louis University Museum of Art, Arts in Transit, area schools and the Science Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Chess Federation named the Club's Executive Director, Tony Rich, Chess Organizer of the Year. St. Louis was named Chess City of the Year and Rex Sinquefield was given the Gold Koltanowski Award from the Federation.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that we wish to recognize Chess Club of St. Louis for being awarded the Central West End Association Renaissance Award, and we wish it many years of success; and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of this proceeding and to prepare a commemorative copy for presentation to our honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced on the 8th day of January, 2010 by:

**Honorable Lyda Krewson, Alderwoman 28th Ward**

Adopted this the 8th day of January, 2010 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