

RESOLUTION NUMBER 371
The Rotary Club of St. Louis

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that the Rotary Club of St. Louis is celebrating its 100th Anniversary of service to the St. Louis region; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 1910 a group of St. Louis businessmen gathered at Lippe's Café on Eighth Street in downtown to hold the first meeting of the Rotary Club of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, Rotary Clubs are actively providing humanitarian aid to people in need in their local communities and in villages around the globe. The early excitement of the Rotary movement inspired Club 11 to sponsor 17 new clubs throughout Missouri and as far away as Lincoln, Nebraska and Hobart, Oklahoma from 1918 to 1941; and

WHEREAS, Club 11 Rotarians are special people working together to improve the human condition and enjoying fellowship along the way. Individually they can do little to address human needs, but as a group they inspire each other to do wonderful things; and

WHEREAS, a truly remarkable tradition spanned from 1963 to 1978. Club 11 purchased and presented to the St. Louis YMCA 16 "Youth Mobiles," full-sized vans equipped with athletic equipment to support their youth programs; and

WHEREAS, perhaps their most prestigious service event today is their annual Eighth Grade Awards Program, which has been ongoing since 1984. An exceptional eighth grade student is selected from each of the city's public and private grade schools. A Rotarian visits the graduating assembly at each school, the winner is announced and the award presented. In recent years, the award has included, among other gifts, a weekend outing at Skyway Farm and a generous \$20,000 scholarship offer from Webster University.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the commitment and many contributions of the Rotary Club of St. Louis to the St. Louis community and its 100th anniversary and we further 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 honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 12th day of March, 2010 by:

Honorable Phyllis Young, Alderwoman 7th Ward

Adopted this the 12th day of March, 2010 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen