

RESOLUTION NUMBER 115
The 100th Anniversary of Lashly & Baer, P.C.

WHEREAS, Lashly & Baer, P.C., a law firm, was founded in downtown St. Louis by Jacob M. Lashly, who was considered one of Missouri's most outstanding trial lawyers and served as President of the American Bar Association and The Missouri Bar; and

WHEREAS, 2012 marks the 100th anniversary of the firm's founding; and

WHEREAS, the firm has provided counsel to clients engaged in some of the most significant projects in St. Louis including MetroLink, the St. Louis Convention Center Headquarters Hotel, the successful effort to transfer jurisdiction of the crumbling, historic McKinley Bridge for rehabilitation, and the current renovation of Central Library; and

WHEREAS, the firm has made significant contributions to projects involving the economic development of downtown St. Louis, including the acquisition and rehabilitation of the area between Memorial Plaza and Union Station by the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority in 1954 and the creation of The Partnership for Downtown St. Louis in 1995 which now actively represents and advocates the interests of residents, business and property owners in downtown St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, Lashly & Baer worked on behalf of the Board of Education for the City of St. Louis to bring about equal education opportunities for city students through the landmark desegregation case that began in 1972; and

WHEREAS, the firm helped secure hundreds of millions of dollars in funding for new and renovated schools in the city, which has helped improve education for thousands of students; and

WHEREAS, the leadership of the firm showed a strong commitment to downtown by renovating a century-old former bank building into modern legal offices to house its staff of approximately 100 people; and

WHEREAS, attorneys and staff of Lashly & Baer have committed to carry out "100 Acts of Civic Kindness" in 2012 to improve the quality of life in our city through volunteer activities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor the many contributions made to the City of St. Louis by Lashly & Baer over the past 100 years 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 20th day of August, 2012 by:

Honorable Phyllis Young, Alderwoman 7th Ward

Adopted this the 20th day of August, 2012 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

