

RESOLUTION NUMBER 119
The 85th Anniversary of the Casa Loma Ballroom

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that Pat Brannon, owner of the Casa Loma Ballroom is holding its 85th Anniversary on Friday, September 7, 2012; and

WHEREAS, located on the corner of Iowa and Cherokee Streets in the heart of South St Louis, the historic Casa Loma Ballroom is one of America's last great ballrooms and still offers live big band dances every week; and

WHEREAS, the Casa Loma first opened in 1927, and was nearly destroyed by fire in 1940 and was rebuilt and reopened on November 15, 1940 which was less than a year after the fire gutted the building. The Casa Loma holds just under 1000 people and retains much of its original charm, as well as modern amenities. Ideal for concerts, the Casa Loma features virtually perfect acoustics; and

WHEREAS, some of the greatest names in music history have played the Casa Loma including: Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Count Basie, Lawrence Welk, Tony Bennett, Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Henry James and even rock n roll pioneer Jerry Lee Lewis; and

WHEREAS, it is the area's largest dance facility, with a floating dance floor measuring 5,000 square feet. Known as "the working man's ballroom" during the 1940's and 1950's an estimated of 10,000 patrons filed through the Casa Loma's doors every week to dance to the sounds of live music; and

WHEREAS, it also hosted the Miss Casa Loma Bathing Beauty Contest from just after WWII through the 1950's and was the primary setting for former St. Louis Post-Dispatch columnist Elaine Viets' mystery novel, *Rubout*.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate and recognize the 85th Anniversary of the Casa Loma Ballroom 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 7th day of September, 2012 by:

Honorable Kenneth A. Ortmann, Alderman 9th Ward

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

Honorable Charles Quincy Troupe, Alderman 1 st Ward	Honorable Jennifer Florida, Alderwoman 15 th Ward
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Honorable Alfred Wessels, Jr., Alderman 13 th Ward	Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26 th Ward
Honorable Carol Howard, Alderwoman 14 th Ward	Honorable Lyda Krewson, Alderwoman 28 th Ward

Adopted this the 7th day of September, 2012 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen