

Resolution Number 148
SRI SRI RAVI SHANKAR, HUMANITARIAN & SPIRITUAL LEADER

WHEREAS, Art of Living Foundation (AOLF) is a non-profit, educational and humanitarian organization, holding non-governmental status with the United Nations and operating worldwide in 152 countries; and

WHEREAS, Art of Living Foundation was founded in 1981 by the world-renown philanthropist, humanitarian and spiritual leader, **Sri Sri Ravi Shankar**; All programs are guided by Sri Sri's philosophy: "Unless we have a stress-free mind and a violence-free society, we cannot achieve world peace"; and

WHEREAS, Deepak Kant Vyas, Chairman of Redberri Corporation, and the Vyas Family are actively involved and associated with the Art of Living Foundation as donors and patrons; Deepak Kant Vyas has great admiration for Sri Sri Ravi Shankar as founder of Art of Living; and

WHEREAS, it has been said of **Sri Sri Ravi Shankar** that not since Mahatma Gandhi has one person united so many people of different races, religions, traditions, economic and social status, and nationalities, thereby creating a One World spiritual family across the globe; and

WHEREAS, **Sri Sri Ravi Shankar** is a humanitarian leader, spiritual teacher and an ambassador of peace; His vision of a stress-free, violence-free society has united millions of people around the world through service projects and courses offered by The Art of Living Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Art of Living Foundation will open its St. Louis Center, serving most of Missouri and southern Illinois, on October 23, 2014.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE PAUSE IN OUR DELIBERATIONS TO RECOGNIZE SRI SRI RAVI SHANKAR, THE ART OF LIVING FOUNDATION AND THE OPENING OF THEIR ST. LOUIS OFFICE. We further direct the Clerk of this Board of Aldermen to spread this Resolution across the Minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it might be presented to the honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced on the 24th day of October 2014 by:

Honorable Craig N. Schmid, Alderman 20th Ward

Adopted this 24th day of October 2014 as attested:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen