

**Resolution Number 241**  
**The Club Lafayette**

**WHEREAS**, St. Louis wishes to welcome The Club Lafayette and their teachers, Madame Christine Dupuy-Schlemer, Madame Odile Deperne, Madame Angelique Mercier and Monsieur Damien Lerat from Notre Dame High School in Chartres, France; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Louis wishes to extend its appreciation for the generous hospitality extended to the Louisettes from Nerinx Hall, Chaminade Preparatory High School and St. Louis University High School and their teachers, Madame Laura Newsham, Miss Carmen Gruchella and Madame Jennifer Crespin, during their visit to Chartres, France this past June; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Louis proudly acknowledges both its French heritage and the contributions of the many French individuals in the development of the great City of St. Louis, from General Lafayette, who served under George Washington in the Revolutionary War, to the explorers of the mighty Mississippi River, Father Jacques Marquette, Louis Joliet and Robert de LaSalle. Our founders, Pierre Laclede and his partner, Renee Auguste Chouteau, picked the site for the City and in 1764 named it St. Louis for King Louis IX, the patron saint of King Louis XV of France; and

**WHEREAS**, our own City Hall was inspired by the Hotel de Ville of Paris and the Chateau de Chambord on the Loire River in France; and

**WHEREAS**, this exchange program has enriched both the Club Lafayette and Louisettes' education and deepened their mutual understanding of cultural diversity and similarities and has been a source of great joy to all.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to honor and laud this friendship and educational exchange program between the students of Chartres, France and St. Louis, Missouri, and that the Board of Aldermen and the people of St. Louis greet the students and say "Welcome to St. Louis!"

Introduced on the 28th day of October, 2011 by:

**Honorable Donna Baringer, Alderwoman 16th Ward**

Adopted this the 28th day of October, 2011 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