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WHEREAS, Ralph has been building since he was 13 years old, helping his father on the family farm. He began Korte Construction in 1958; and

WHEREAS, Ralph and his wife Donna have four children: Todd, Susan, Vicki and Greg and eleven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, The Korte Company employs over 200 construction and design professionals. It was one of the first companies to use Design-Build, twenty years before it was recognized by the rest of the industry as the most cost-effective method of project delivery; and

WHEREAS, For almost 50 years the Korte Company has successfully constructed thousands of projects across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ralph has been named in *The Top 400 Contractors*® for the past 20 years and other achievements include St. Louis RCGA Top Businesses Award in 2004, 2005, and 2006; and

WHEREAS, The Korte Company has expanded nationwide with the corporate office located at Union Station and the operations offices in Highland, Ill. and Las Vegas, NV.

WHEREAS, The Center for Emerging Technologies is the proud recipient of Ralph Korte's generosity in the donation of this Building II, his financial resources, expertise and member's of his firm's expertise to renovate the former Dorris Motor Company plant; and

WHEREAS, When it was finished The Center for Emerging Technologies Building II received the St. Louis Construction News and Review 2002 Regional Excellence Award Honorable Mention award; and

WHEREAS, Ralph is an outstanding member of the St. Louis community whose inspirational life is a model of civic and community involvement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that we break from our regular agenda to honor Ralph F. Korte and to recognize his many contributions to the growth and development of the City of St. Louis 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 for presentation to the our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this the 15th day of June, 2007 by:
Honorable Joseph D. Roddy, Alderman, 17th Ward

Adopted this the 15th day of June, 2007 as attested by: