

RESOLUTION NUMBER 88

**WHEREAS**, table tennis is a sport that can be enjoyed by individuals of any age or physical ability and is a great way to stimulate the brain, promote quick thinking, and improve hand-eye coordination; and

**WHEREAS**, table tennis is the most popular racket sport in the world with over 300 million active members of governing associations world wide; and

**WHEREAS**, it is enjoyed by millions of families across the world, 20 million recreationally in the U.S. alone and is an intergenerational sport, that ranges in age from 8 to 80; and

**WHEREAS**, table tennis began in England, the International Table Tennis Federation was formed in Berlin in 1926 and international laws were adopted with the championships held in London that same year; and

**WHEREAS**, the participation in world championships increased from seven countries in 1926 to 140 countries now affiliated with the International Table Tennis Federation; and

**WHEREAS**, table tennis can be played at home and one hour per week can make a big difference in your family's fitness, coordination and happiness; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Louis is lucky that Mr. Huang Bang Chao, a professional Chinese player from the Chengdu Table Tennis Association, is visiting St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Huang has stayed with us in order to train players in the junior program at the St. Louis Table Tennis Training Center; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Huang won the men's open at the Missouri Show Me State Tournament and currently is the top ranked player in the United States;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen that the City of St. Louis is proud that Mr. Huang is a member of the St. Louis Table Tennis Team and played for them in the national tournament and thank him for his service and commitment to the citizens of St. Louis Metropolitan region and we 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.

Introduced on the 15th day of August, 2006 by:

Honorable James F. Shrewsbury, President of the Board of Aldermen

Adopted this the 15th day of August, 2006 as attested by:

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Patrick J Connaghan  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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James F. Shrewsbury  
President, Board of Aldermen