

RESOLUTION NUMBER 98

WHEREAS, we pause in our deliberations to offer our sincere congratulations and appreciation to the St. Louis Ronald McDonald House on its anniversary of 25 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Ronald McDonald House offers "a home-away-from-home" for the families of seriously ill children being treated at local hospitals; and

WHEREAS, Since 1974, having served over two million families whose children are receiving medical attention for serious health conditions, Ronald McDonald House has created a place where families can receive emotional support from other families in similar situations; and

WHEREAS, Each chapter of the Ronald McDonald House is run by a local nonprofit organization comprised of members of the medical community, business and civic leaders, parents, Ronald McDonald's owners and operators, and over 25,000 volunteers; and

WHEREAS, On October 18, 2006, The Ronald McDonald House located in the Central West End Neighborhood near St. Louis Children's Hospital will celebrate its 25th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Over 25,000 families of pediatric patients from all over the country have been accommodated St. Louis Ronald McDonald House; and

WHEREAS, We recognize the efforts of the administrators, staff and supporters of the St. Louis Ronald McDonald House who have rendered a service of tremendous compassion for thousands of children and their families;

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 and congratulate the members of the St. Louis Ronald McDonald House organization for 25 years of exceptional service and commitment to children and families in our community and we wish them many more years of success in their mission to reach out and serve families in crisis and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to prepare a commemorative copy of this Resolution to the end that it may be presented to our honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

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

Honorable Michael McMillan, Alderman 19th Ward

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

Patrick J. Connaghan
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

James F. Shrewsbury
President, Board of Aldermen