

RESOLUTION NO 101

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that the West End Word newspaper is celebrating its 35th anniversary on August 13, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the West End Word, which started as a volunteer newspaper in 1972, has helped sustain the diverse and interesting character of the Central West End and has provided a strong base for the renaissance of this historic and culturally rich neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the original founders of the newspaper, Robert Duffy, Sun Smith-Foret, Ellie Chapman Jack Lowell, Renni Shuter, and Mary Grant are to be recognized for their work in starting the paper; and

WHEREAS, succeeding owners and editors Suzanne Goell, Mary Bartley and Ellen Cusumano, have helped the paper grow and become the voice of the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Fister and Virginia Publishing, owners of the paper since 1989, have helped the paper become one of the St. Louis City's oldest independent newspapers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis, meeting in regular session recognize the West End Word for thirty-five years of commitment and service to the citizens of the City of St. Louis, and we further direct the Clerk of Board of Aldermen to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of this proceeding and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsors.

Introduced on the 1st day of August, 2007 by:

Honorable Joseph Roddy, Alderman 17th Ward
Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward
Honorable Lyda Krewson, Alderwoman 28th Ward

Adopted this 1st day of August, 2007 as attested by: