

RESOLUTION NUMBER 140
The Serenity Garden at Epiphany United Church of Christ

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that Epiphany United Church of Christ in Benton Park, Missouri, recently enjoyed the distinction of having its Serenity Garden designated a Certified Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation; and

WHEREAS, the Serenity Garden is only the second site in Missouri so designated by the National Wildlife Federation; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, September 27, 2009, the congregation of Epiphany United Church of Christ plans a special outdoor worship service as part of the dedication of their Serenity Garden; and

WHEREAS, the National Wildlife Federation began its Wildlife Habitat certification program in 1973, and since then more than 113,000 habitats have gained certification; and

WHEREAS, the Serenity Garden is largely the creation of the Epiphany Gardening Group, led by Janice Markham of Benton Park; and

WHEREAS, in order to become certified, a property must employ sustainable gardening practices and provide the four basic requirements of all wildlife, food, water, shelter, and a place to rear offspring; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Mary A. Albert, Epiphany United Church of Christ's pastor, observed that the mission of the National Wildlife Federation, to inspire citizens to protect wildlife for our children's future, is consistent with the Church's Whole Earth Covenant, which was adopted by the congregation in 2008 and encourages practices that protect the environment for future generations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations and recognize the accomplishment and recognition of the Serenity Garden at Epiphany United Church of Christ 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 to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 25th day of September, 2009 by:

Honorable Kenneth A. Ortmann, Alderman 9th Ward

Adopted this the 25th day of September, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen