

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 143**

**Thee Vietnam Delegation through the American Council of Young Political Leaders**

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that a delegation from Vietnam is visiting the City of St. Louis on behalf of the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL); and

**WHEREAS**, the American Council of Young Political Leaders was founded in 1966, and is a 501(c)(3) organization that conducts bipartisan international exchanges, enabling emerging leaders (aged 25 to 40) to experience firsthand the political and cultural dynamics of other countries; and

**WHEREAS**, since their founding, more than 6,000 promising young leaders from around the world have participated in ACYPL exchanges. Distinguished alumni include two former Prime Ministers of Japan, the former Prime Minister of Hungary, the Foreign Minister of Australia, the Speaker of the House of Representatives in Uruguay and the Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of China's National People's Congress the Foreign Minister of Taiwan and members of national parliaments throughout the world. In the US, more than 36 members of Congress, three Bush Cabinet members, two Ambassadors and seven sitting Governors are among their alumni; and

**WHEREAS**, during their visit in the City of St. Louis, the Vietnam delegation will engage in candid dialogue with senior government and political officials, industry executives, and community leaders on a wide range of political, cultural, and economic issues in the City of St. Louis. For many rising leaders, an ACYPL exchange program provides their first substantive experience abroad and early exposure to international affairs.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the visiting Vietnam Delegation on behalf of the American Council of Young Political Leaders and we direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to further 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 30th day of July, 2008 by:

**Honorable Kacie Starr Triplett, Alderwoman 6<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward

Adopted this the 30th day of July, 2008 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen