

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 160**  
**Devon Alexander “The Great”**

**WHEREAS**, Devon Alexander “The Great,” unified World Boxing Council and International Boxing Federation 140-pound champion (20-0, 13 KOs), will be defending his titles at Scottrade Center on August 7, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, dubbed “Gateway to Greatness... The Homecoming” by promoter Don King, noting Alexander will be fighting in his hometown for the first time as world champion; and

**WHEREAS**, Devon Alexander started his amateur boxing career in the Hyde Park Neighborhood in North St. Louis under the tutelage of then, police officer, Kevin Cunningham. He won every title available in St. Louis before amassing a staggering list of national championships; and

**WHEREAS**, Alexander was the four-time Silver Gloves national champion from age 10 to 14; three-time Police Athletic League national champion; 2001 Junior Golden Gloves national champion and Junior Olympic national champion before moving on to win the World Junior Olympics where he was also named *Best Boxer*; and 2003 U.S. National Champion for those 19 and under; and

**WHEREAS**, after over 300 wins against only 10 losses in the amateur ranks, Alexander, barely 17 and still just a junior at Vashon High School, turned pro on May 20, 2004. Alexander won his first title, the vacant WBC super lightweight championship, by stopping a former holder of that crown, Junior “The Hitter” Witter, when they met on Aug. 1, 2009, in Southern California; and

**WHEREAS**, Alexander, still just 23, scored the most scintillating knockout of his career during his last bout when he vanquished then-IBF junior welterweight champion Juan “Iron Twins” Urango with a devastating right uppercut that led to the fight being stopped in the eighth round. Already the WBC champion at the 140-pound limit, Alexander added the IBF belt to become a unified world champion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Aldermen realizes the positive impact Devon has on the City of St. Louis, and we are proud to be a part of his Homecoming Celebration. Alexander is being recognized because he is an inspiration for the community, especially the children. His rise in the boxing ranks is a great example of how hard work pays off. He has been led to success by his trainer and manager, Kevin Cunningham, and Devon, in turn has become a great role model himself and always represents St. Louis positively on the national stage.

**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 many accomplishments of world champion Devon Alexander and 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 1st day of August, 2010 by:

**Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen**

Adopted this the 1st day of August, 2010 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