

RESOLUTION NUMBER 237
Mike Kociela

WHEREAS, the Taste of St. Louis has grown into one of the largest and best attended events in the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, this celebration of the best food, art, music and culture our great city has to offer has something for everyone. The array of activities and participants continues to grow each year and the turnout of more than 300,000 patrons this year proves that importance and excitement around this annual event; and

WHEREAS, this year's events and activities included: St. Louis Bread Co. Top Chef Competition, Sauce Magazine's Restaurant Row including 35 unique restaurants, Grant's Farm Kids Zone, Charter Marketplace, ArtDimensions Village, SoCo Tasty Band Competition with winner Madahoochi, and the Southern Comfort Music Concerts which included Everclear, Josh Kelley, Soul Asylum, the Wild Stallyns and Honeyvox; and

WHEREAS, the Taste of St. Louis has flourished only through the dedication and hard work of Davide Weaver (Festival Director), K Sonderegger (Marketing Director) and Mike Kociela (Sponsorship and Logistics Director); and

WHEREAS, Mike Kociela is a proud St. Louis City resident and owner of Entertainment St. Louis which is a St. Louis business that has produced a multitude of large-scale events in the St. Louis region and beyond.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Mike Kociela for the continued success of the Taste of St. Louis and wish him continued success in the future and direct the Clerk of this Board to prepare a commemorative copy of this resolution to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced on the 14th day of November, 2008 by:

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

Adopted this the 14th day of November, 2008 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen