

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 261**

**Jeff Fister**

**WHEREAS**, the Central West End Association's (CWEA) William J. Polk Award, is presented to the "individual resident who has consistently provided value added contributions to the enhancement of the Central West End community." The award is named for the late William J. Polk, "Uncle Polky" a beloved long-time neighborhood leader and businessman who died in 2002. Former recipients include CWE leaders Mary Bartley and Art Perry and restaurant owners Karen Duffy and Tim Kirby; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's Polk Award is being awarded to *West End Word* Publisher Jeff Fister; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Fister is a former president and long-time board member of the CWEA. He has owned the *West End Word* since 1989 and his company also publishes books about St. Louis history and special event programs such as the guide to the annual Great Forest Park Balloon Race; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Fister lives in the Central West End and has written about raising his eight kids and backyard chickens in his monthly column in the *Word*. Those columns were collected and published by his company this year in his book, *Counting Chickens: Tales of Raising 8 Kids and 4 Chickens in the City of St. Louis*; and

**WHEREAS**, the 37 year old *West End Word* continues to be a strong neighborhood voice.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that we wish to recognize Jeff Fister for being awarded the Central West End Association William L. Polk Award, and we wish him many more years of success; and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of this proceeding and to prepare a commemorative copy for presentation to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced on the 8th day of January, 2010 by:

**Honorable Lyda Krewson, Alderwoman 28th Ward**

Adopted this the 8th day of January, 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