

RESOLUTION NUMBER 289
JOHN A. KAREL

***WHEREAS*, in October of 1987 John A. Karel accepted the directorship of Tower Grove Park and began revitalization and restoration of this important historic landmark; and**

***WHEREAS*, John has been an active leader on public park and land issues since college. He co-founded the Missouri Wilderness Coalition, co-authored a book on Missouri's state parks and historic sites, and was the principal spokesperson for legislative campaigns which resulted in congressional designation of several wilderness areas in Missouri. John is also active in historic preservation. John's career has been dedicated to the respectful stewardship of Missouri's natural and cultural heritage; and**

***WHEREAS*, under John's leadership at Tower Grove Park over the past 20 years, the Park has meticulously and professionally restored 37 buildings, statuary, and assorted structures erected during the Victorian Era. The park has also earned the prestigious title of a National Historic Landmark, one of only a handful so designated in the country; and**

***WHEREAS*, John was instrumental in not only developing a long-range master planting plan for the park, but also successful in obtaining assistance with federal and state grants and private support to assist the park with making a significant difference and improvement to the quality of life the park provides for the residents of the City of St. Louis;**

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and congratulate John Karel on the occasion of his 20th anniversary as director of Tower Grove Park and we thank him, on behalf of the citizens of St. Louis for his commitment to the preservation of this city's heritage and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and the 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 14th day of December, 2007 by:

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Adopted this the 14th day of December, 2007 as attested by:

Denise Watson-Wesley Coleman
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
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