

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 289**  
**Mathews-Dickey Boys' & Girls' Club 50th Anniversary Alumni Celebration & Awards Showcase**

**WHEREAS**, Martin Luther Mathews and the late Hubert "Dickey" Ballentine, then neighborhood baseball coaches, met under a shade tree in Handy Park in 1960 and co-founded an organization to keep young people off the streets and involved in positive activities; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 2 million children have benefited from the Club's services, as the organization has evolved from humble beginnings under a shade tree in Handy Park, to a storefront on Natural Bridge, to "A Dream Come True" on Kingshighway for "The Next Generation" of St. Louis' young; and

**WHEREAS**, today, the Club turns on the lights and lifts young people's spirits through one-on-one tutorial services, computer literacy training, career-training, mentoring and athletic competition within more than 40,000 young men and women, annually; and

**WHEREAS**, themed "A Golden Celebration Golden Celebration: Turn on the Lights," the Club's 50th anniversary festivities start this weekend with the Alumni Celebration & Awards Showcase and culminate with a "President's Day" Parade on July 22, the 28th Anniversary of President Ronald Reagan's declaration of the Club as a model for the country.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to recognize the many contributions of Mathews-Dickey Boys' & Girls' Club to the citizens of the City of St. Louis and congratulate them for their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a copy for presentation to the honorees, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 12th day of February, 2010 by:

**Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward**

Adopted this the 12th day of February, 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