

RESOLUTION NUMBER 290

Dr. Tom Hoerr, Ph.D.

WHEREAS, we pause in our deliberations to congratulate Dr. Tom Hoerr, Ph.D. on receiving the 2011 Central West End Association Polk Award. The Polk Award is presented to the individual that has consistently provided value added contributions to the enhancement of the Central West End community; and

WHEREAS, New City School was founded in 1969, with 5 committed teachers and 100 children, to stabilize the then-struggling Central West End. The first school year began in the basement of the Unitarian Church at the corner of Waterman and Kingshighway. Just two years later, the School's founders purchased the former Mary Institute building at the corner of Waterman & Lake. The renovation and re-development of that building has anchored and enhanced the neighborhood for the last 4 decades; and

WHEREAS, the success of New City School belongs clearly to Dr. Tom Hoerr, Ph.D. - Head of School for the past 30 years. Today enrollment is 360 students from 50+ zip codes, but 63108 remains the largest; and

WHEREAS, Tom and New City are internationally known for utilizing Harvard University Professor Howard Gardner's theory of Multiple Intelligences, as a tool for teaching and learning at New City School. The result is a culture of hard work, respect, and caring and kids that are life long learner and who continue to understand the privilege and responsibility of the gift of a New City education; and

WHEREAS, the positive impact of New City on the Central West End has been tremendous. Countless families have stayed, engaged and thrived in the CWE because of their connection with New City School. Tom has been the vision and leadership for over 3 decades. One can not imagine our neighborhood without New City and Tom Hoerr; and

WHEREAS, when you walk the kids into school in the morning, Tom is standing in the hall greeting kids and parents equally, usually wearing one of his quirky ties and your day is a bit better from that moment on.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate Dr. Tom Hoerr, Ph.D. and to thank him for the many years of service to the Central West End and the City of St Louis 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 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 January, 2011 by:

Honorable Lyda Krewson, Alderwoman 28th Ward

Adopted this the 14th day of January, 2011 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen