

*RESOLUTION NUMBER 291
DR. RUSSELL VAN GELDER*

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that Dr. Russell Van Gelder is an exceptional doctor and has provided Alderman Samuel Moore and his family with exceptional care; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Van Gelder arrived in St. Louis in 1995 after completing his medical school training and internship at Stanford University. He holds a Ph.D., as well, in neurobiology from Stanford. Dr. Van Gelder completed his residency and fellowship in ophthalmology and ocular inflammatory disease at Barnes Hospital and has been on the staff of the Barnes Retina Institute since 1999; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Van Gelder is the Bernard Becker Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at Washington University Medical School. Dr. Van Gelder specializes in uveitis, which are inflammatory diseases of the eye. Although in total these are the fifth leading cause of blindness in the United States, fewer than 100 specialists in this area practice in the United States. Dr. Van Gelder has the largest uveitis practice in the central midwest and routinely sees patients from Indiana, southern Illinois, Arkansas, Kansas, and Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Van Gelder is a national leader in ocular inflammatory diseases, serving as President-Elect of the American Uveitis Society and as Councilor to the American Academy of Ophthalmology. He has an active research laboratory, funded by the National Institute of Health, that has published over 60 papers on eye function and disease, many in top medical and scientific journals. He has served as residency director for ophthalmology at Barnes Hospital and has overseen the training of over 70 ophthalmologists. Dr. Van Gelder teaches nationally and has served as a visiting professor at dozens of medical schools. Dr. Van Gelder will be assuming the chairmanship of the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Washington in the new year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Dr. Van Gelder for his dedication and commitment to the practice of Ophthalmology which has benefitted the citizens of the City of St. Louis and the country, and we 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 this 14th day of December, 2007 by:

**Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward
Honorable Joseph Roddy, Alderman 17th Ward**

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

**Denise Watson-Wesley Coleman
Clerk, Board of Aldermen**

**Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen**

