

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 291**

**Carolyn Hewes Toft**

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that after 32 years of dedicated service to St. Louis, as Executive Director of Landmarks Association of St. Louis, Carolyn Hewes Toft has recently retired; and

**WHEREAS**, Carolyn has been an advocate for historic preservation, excellence in contemporary architecture and sound urban planning for 32 years. Before coming to St. Louis in 1970, she lived in a variety of diverse locations including Norman, Oklahoma; Lincoln, Nebraska; Madison, Wisconsin; Heidelberg, Germany; Castro Valley, California, and Cleveland Heights, Ohio. All of those experiences plus an insatiable wanderlust have contributed to her appreciation of St. Louis' cultural heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, Carolyn holds two degrees in Music (BA, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa, and MM, University of Wisconsin, Madison) in addition to a Master's degree in Urban Studies from Washington University in St. Louis where she continues to teach part-time in the School of Architecture; and

**WHEREAS**, she is the author or co-author of numerous publications about St. Louis architecture and has conducted countless tours of her adopted city. In 1990, Carolyn was one of ten individuals in the country to be awarded honorary membership in the American Institute of Architects; and

**WHEREAS**, Board President Bill Wischmeyer praised the former director saying "it is fair to say that Carolyn Toft has effectively *been* Landmarks Association for as long as anyone can remember. Due to her guidance and direction, the association has grown to a membership of over 1,500 and is recognized throughout the country as one of the nation's premier preservation organizations;" and

**WHEREAS**, Toft's accomplishments while director of Landmarks are numerous and reflect her determination, thoroughness and passion. One of her greatest accomplishments was securing the passage of Missouri's historic rehabilitation tax credits law, one of the state's most important economic development tools. Her most recent accomplishment was the creation of Architecture St. Louis, a center to promote St. Louis' architectural heritage and encourage sound planning.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate Carolyn Hewes Toft for 32 years of service to St. Louis, as Executive Director of Landmarks Association of St. Louis and we wish her peace and happiness in her retirement and we direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to further 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 23rd day of January, 2009 by:

**Honorable Matthew Villa, Alderman 11<sup>th</sup> Ward**

Adopted this the 23rd day of January, 2009 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

