

RESOLUTION NUMBER 348
2009 NCAA Wrestling Championship

WHEREAS, wrestling is one of the world's oldest sports and has helped develop many generations of successful individuals through dedication, commitment and perseverance to the sport; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis is honored to welcome people from the across the United States of America to enjoy their experience in our city; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis is proud to join the college wrestling community in commemorating the extraordinary relationship between the United States military and the sport of wrestling; and

WHEREAS, since George Washington became the first wrestling champion to be Commander and Chief of the United States of America in 1789, many U.S. citizens have stood on top of wrestling podiums and served our country's military forces; and

WHEREAS, military servicemen have won national, world and Olympic wrestling medals and become successful coaches and officials; and

WHEREAS, the sport of wrestling has helped to shape the character of these individuals we honor for their military service to our country.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberation to recognize the Champions, All-Americans and Armed Service members that are here today and salute the student-athletes and coaches who throughout the past centuries have served this great nation and secured our continuing freedom, and we further direct the Clerk of the 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 19th day of March, 2009 by:

Honorable Stephen J. Conway, Alderman 8th Ward
Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen
Honorable Bennice Jones-King, Alderwoman 21st Ward

Adopted this the 19th day of March, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen