

RESOLUTION NUMBER 357

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that from April 30-May 1, 2008 the 2008 Chinese Spectacular, a world-class theatrical performance that showcases the essence of Chinese fine arts will be performing at the Touhill Performance Arts Center; and

WHEREAS, the Chinese Spectacular aims to deliver the beauty and elegance of traditionally inspired, originally choreographed Chinese classical dance to audiences throughout St. Louis and its nearby areas. The Chinese Spectacular is part of a global tour that is performing in over 60 major cities worldwide and is estimated to reach 650,000 people, and it had graced the world's most prestigious theaters, such as New York City's Radio City Music Hall, Las Angeles' Kodak Theater, Chicago's Arie Crown Theater, San Francisco's Opera House, and Paris' Le Palais des Congress; and

WHEREAS, China is known as "The Land of the Divine." For 5,000 years, its divinely imparted culture, including Chinese dance, music and other art forms had been continuously refined as its elegance developed. Unfortunately, authentic Chinese performing arts have been absent from the world stage for several decades as much of the essence of traditional Chinese culture has faded from memory. The core values of Chinese culture: benevolence, righteousness, propriety, wisdom, and faithfulness, once the universal standards of human of human life, were discarded in the wake of China's Cultural Revolution; and

WHEREAS, the Chinese Spectacular is hosted by the Sound of Hope Radio NFP, a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization which has been serving the community by producing and broadcasting news and cultural programming, promoting and improving cross-cultural understanding and organizing special cultural events and is co-hosted by the Mid-USA Falun Dafa Association, whose mission is to promote the universal principles of truthfulness, benevolence and forbearance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to welcome the 2008 Chinese Spectacular and we wish them continued success, achievement and accomplishment 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 18th day of March, 2008 by:

Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward

Adopted this 18th day of March, 2008 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen