

RESOLUTION NUMBER 369
Ambassador Zamira Sydykova

WHEREAS, Zamira Sydykova became ambassador of Kyrgyzstan to the United States on July 11, 2005; and

WHEREAS, prior to her appointment, Ambassador Sydykova, 44, was one of Kyrgyzstan's best-known journalists, establishing the independent "Respublica" newspaper in 1992, where she remains an editor-in-chief to this day; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, she was accused of slander against the authoritative regime of Askar Akayev, and was deprived of her right to practice journalism; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, the Washington, D.C.-based International Women's Mass Media group presented its award for courage in journalism to Ambassador Sydykova; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Political Council of Kyrgyzstan, Ambassador Sydykova graduated from Moscow State University.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Ambassador Zamira Sydykova for her outstanding achievement 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 26th day of March, 2009 by:

Honorable April Ford-Griffin, Alderwoman 5th Ward
Honorable Kacie Starr Triplett, Alderwoman 6th Ward

Adopted this the 26th day of March, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen