

RESOLUTION NUMBER 41

Lafayette Park United Methodist Church

WHEREAS , the congregation was founded in 1839 when a group of Methodists began meeting in the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Carter. In the following years, the congregation grew and occupied several buildings near and on Chouteau Avenue; and

WHEREAS, during the westward expansion of the city, on April 8, 1888, the Congregation paraded from its old building on the corner of Chouteau Avenue and Eighth Street to its new building on the corner of Lafayette and Missouri in the name of the congregation Lafayette Park Methodist Episcopal Church South; and

WHEREAS, the original building was damaged in a tornado on May 27, 1896, the building was repaired and a new, larger sanctuary was constructed on the corner of Lafayette and Missouri. The new sanctuary was dedicated in 1902; and

WHEREAS, the congregation of Lafayette Park United Methodist Church has served the people of St. Louis and the residents of the Lafayette Square Area for 169 years, it is recognized as an active and vital congregation, and continues to be a “ visible sign of Christ’s presence in our urban community and beyond;” and

WHEREAS, we would like to extend our congratulations to Robert Schnase, Resident Bishop Missouri Area of the United Methodist Church; Rev. Nancy Dunlap, District Superintendent of the Gateway Central District; Rev. Kathleen Wilder, Senior Pastor; Rev. Sharon Kichline, Associate Pastor and the congregation of the Lafayette Park United Methodist Church on their 120th Anniversary at their present location.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Lafayette Park United Methodist Church for their storied history and wish them continued success in the future 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 9th day of May, 2008 by:

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen

Adopted this the 9th day of May, 2008 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen