

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 64**

**Justen Yao**

**WHEREAS**, Justen Yao was born on January 29, 1993 and has become a table tennis champion in North America and in Sweden; and

**WHEREAS**, he began his international winning career at age 12 on the 2005 Swedish Tour and continued his winning streak that year as the US National Cadet Trials Champion, the #1 US Cadet Team player; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2006 he captured the US Open Junior Singles Champion, the US Open Cadet Doubles Champion and the US Open U-13 Doubles Champion; and

**WHEREAS**, in that same year he became the North American Championship Junior Double Bronze Medalist, the North American Championship Cadet Double Silver Medalist and the North American Championship Cadet Singles Bronze Medalist; and

**WHEREAS**, Justen continued to lead his team to victory with the 2006 US National Junior Team Trials, #4 US Junior Team player, the US National Cadet Trials Champion, the #1 US Cadet Team player and the North American Team Championship U-18 Champion; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2007 he was named the USOC/USATT Male Athlete of the Year, the US National Junior Trials Champion, the #1 US Junior Team player, the US National Cadet Trials Champion, the #1 US Cadet Team player; and

**WHEREAS**, he earned the 2007 First Annual Nate Wasserman Memorial Scholarship Award as the best player under the age of 14 in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2008 he became the Wasserman Junior Champion, under the age of 18 and as his crowning victory he claimed the North American Championship Cadet Singles Gold Medalist prize.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate Justen Yao and we wish him continued success 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 12th day of June, 2009 by:

**Honorable Stephen J. Conway Alderman 8th Ward**

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

Adopted this the 12th day of June, 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