

RESOLUTION NUMBER 161
Skinker-DeBaliviere 100th Anniversary

WHEREAS, just after the 1904 World's Fair, developers began to create lots for homes by the fairgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the first homes in the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood were built in 1908, one hundred years ago; and

WHEREAS, the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood is a historic district; and

WHEREAS, Skinker DeBaliviere is the first neighborhood in the City of St. Louis to become integrated racially and socioeconomically and after concerted efforts of neighbors and institutions, has become a model of diversity and stability; and

WHEREAS, Washington University, St. Roch Church, Grace United Methodist Church, and Delmar Baptist Church (now New Cote Brilliant Church of God) and resident groups formed the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council in 1966 and have supported it since; and

WHEREAS, residents and the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council have supported many activities to bring residents together: Art Fair and House Tour, Rags to Riches, Halloween Party, Christmas Walk House Tour, Dinner Theatre, National Night Out, Garden Tour, Community Garden, Dog Show, New Neighbors Parties, and Four Corners Concerts;

WHEREAS, the neighborhood has communicated through the Times of Skinker DeBaliviere, St. Louis's first neighborhood newspaper founded in 1970;

WHEREAS, the neighborhood has been home to numerous citywide elected officials as well as state legislators, aldermen, and committeepeople;

WHEREAS, neighborhood residents continue to work to insure both diversity and stability and will strive to continue their success in a second hundred years

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that we wish to recognize Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood on the occasion of their One Hundredth Anniversary, that we encourage them to continue in their commitment to the community, and we wish it many more years of success; and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of this proceeding and to prepare a commemorative copy for presentation to our honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced on the 15th day of September, 2008 by:

Honorable Lyda Krewson, Alderwoman 28th Ward
Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26th Ward

Adopted this the 15th day of September, 2008 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

