

RESOLUTION NUMBER 99
30th Anniversary of the Compton Heights Concert Band

Whereas, Tower Grove Park became a gift to the City from the 19th century merchant, Henry Shaw; and

Whereas, a bandstand was constructed between 1871 and 1872, and on July 16, 1882, Henry Shaw presented the original busts of his favorite composers that surround the bandstand; and

Whereas, Mr. Shaw declared that “I hope the memories of these gifted men whose music has been frequently heard . . . may be pleasing to all . . . and that the charms of the melodious harmony may continue to shed their benign influence around us and ever be a delight to the inhabitants of our future great city.”; and

Whereas, the Compton Heights Concert Band was formed by Harry F. Swanger for the purpose of performing in the 1976 Compton Heights Neighborhood Easter Parade; and

Whereas, the mission of the Compton Heights Concert Band is to preserve “America’s Music – America’s Band” – a unique art form created and made famous by Patrick Gilmore and John Philip Sousa; and

Whereas, the Compton Heights Concert Band carried out this mission and the ideals of Henry Shaw by instituting its first series of free concerts in the Henry Shaw Bandstand in 1980, concerts originally billed as “Tuneful Tuesdays,” now “Musical Mondays,” and

Whereas, the Summer of 2009 marks the 30th anniversary of the First Concert Series in Tower Grove Park; and

Whereas, the City of St. Louis calls upon its citizens to join in recognizing the great music and joy provided by the Compton Heights Concert Band and extends best wishes to the Compton Heights Concert Band for another successful and enjoyable concert series.

Now therefore it be resolved by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the Compton Heights Concert Band on its 30th Anniversary and we wish them 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 23rd day of July, 2009 by:

Honorable Stephen J. Conway Alderman 8th Ward

Adopted this the 23rd day of July, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen