

RESOLUTION NUMBER 80
30th Anniversary of the Locust Business District

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that the Locust Business District will be celebrating its 30th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the Locust Business District is a special tax district in the heart of St. Louis, with the express objectives of stimulating community morale and facilitating “spin-off” investments in new construction and rehabilitation. and

WHEREAS, the LBD generally extends from Delmar Boulevard to 18th Street to Market Street to 23rd Street to Olive Street to N Compton Avenue; and

WHEREAS, since its incorporation, the Locust Business District has made a concerted effort to stabilize the area and to attract new investment within its boundaries and there has been a substantial amount of investment over the years; and

WHEREAS, this area is being revitalized as a viable commercial and institutional core for the City of St. Louis. Major businesses located within the LBD include: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Missouri, Wells Fargo, AT&T, SJI and St. Louis University’s Amelia Earhardt School. Additionally, smaller, exciting business entities such as The Charles Motor Company, St. Louis Brewery and Tap Room, The Tin Can, Fountain on Locust, Mulligan Printing and Signcrafters all contribute to the character and stability of the District; and

WHEREAS, as well, the LBD is enhanced by strong neighbors like Union Station, St. Louis University, Grand Center, Harris-Stowe State College, UPS, Sigma Chemical and the Martin Luther King Business Park that act as anchors for the Locust Business District. The Locust Business District constituents and Board have a deep respect for investment and ongoing corporate citizenship in this area. The LBD has provided creative incentives to support and attract business development; and

WHEREAS, also within the district is a commemorative plaque which marks the location of T.S. Eliot’s childhood home and the Scott Joplin house which was open in 1991 as a museum dedicated to Scott Joplin’s life and music, and to the vibrant community that surrounded the building at the turn of the century; and

WHEREAS , the district also has a national historic designation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the Locust Business District on their 30th Anniversary and thank them for their innumerable contributions to the City of St. Louis 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 29th day of June, 2012 by:

Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward
Honorable Kacie Starr Triplett, Alderwoman 6th Ward

Adopted this the 29th day of June, 2012 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen