

Resolution Number 140
Taft Street Restaurant and Bar

Whereas, we have been apprised that Taft Street Bar and Grill has received a 2013 Mayor's Neighborhood Business Award; and

Whereas, Taft Street Restaurant and Bar was founded by Sadik Kukic in 2004; and

Whereas, Sadik came to the United States in September of 1993, he was 28 years old, spoke no English, and had \$58.00 in his pocket; and

Whereas, Sadik attended culinary school in Bosnia and was drawn to the restaurant business. He began his restaurant career as a prep cook at Flacos Tacos. He then worked as a chef at the St. Louis Club. In 1998 he became the executive chef at the Missouri Botanical Garden; and

Whereas, Kadic opened his first restaurant in 2001, Gulf Coast Café, on South Grand Boulevard. It later closed in 2009; and

Whereas, Sadik organized and serves as the president of the St. Louis Bosnian Chamber of Commerce. He organized and served as chairman of the first Bosnian Festival. He continues to be a leader in the Bosnian community; and

Whereas, Sadik is on the committee to construct a replica of the "sebilj" built in 1753 in the Bosnian capital of Sarajevo. The wooden and stone fountain will be built on Gravois Ave. in the Bevo Neighborhood. The sebilj is a symbol of gratitude from local Bosnians to the City of St. Louis. It will also serve as a monument of their motherland and a memorial to the victims of the Bosnian civil war.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Taft Street Bar and Grill for their achievement 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 18th day of October, 2013 by:

Honorable Carol Howard, Alderwoman 14th Ward

Adopted this the 18th day of October, 2013 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen