

## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 162**

### **Kevin Cunningham**

**WHEREAS**, Kevin Cunningham is the trainer/manager of Devon Alexander “The Great,” unified World Boxing Council and International Boxing Federation 140-pound champion; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Cunningham also trained and managed another St. Louis fighter, Cory Spinks, to become the Undisputed Welterweight Champion; and

**WHEREAS**, he graduated from Sumner High School and attended Forest Park Community College before joining the army. After a stint at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, he earned a certificate in criminal justice from an overseas branch of Central Texas College while serving in South Korea. Mr. Cunningham was post champion boxer twice and fought in the all-army boxing championships. There he also met a mentor, Kenny Adams, who twice coached in the Olympics; and

**WHEREAS**, after completing his military stint, Mr. Cunningham came back to St. Louis and enrolled in the city's police academy. After graduating he married Sheila and their daughter, Kellia, was born in 1996. Mr. Cunningham joined the police force, where he rose to the rank of narcotics detective and eventually earned a detail position in the office of former Mayor Freeman Bosley Jr.; and

**WHEREAS**, his original boxing gym for area athletes was located in the basement of an old Hyde Park police station on Penrose Street and he helped fund the facility with his own police officer's salary; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1998 Mr. Cunningham quit the police force to start a fight-promotions company and coach boxing fulltime; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Cunningham has made a tremendous impact on many area youth through his tireless dedication and contributions to St. Louis youth boxing.

**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 many accomplishments of Kevin Cunningham and 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 1st day of August, 2010 by:

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

Adopted this the 1st day of August, 2010 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