

Resolution Number 232
Club Lafayette

Whereas, St. Louis wishes to welcome Club Lafayette and their teachers, Madame Christine Dupuy-Schlemer and Madame Odile Deperne, from Notre Dame High School in Chartres, France, and

Whereas, St. Louis wishes to extend its appreciation for the generous hospitality extended to the Louisettes from Nerinx Hall, St. Elizabeth Academy, and St. Louis University High School and their teacher, Madame Laura Newsham, during their visit to Chartres, France this past June, and

Whereas, St. Louis proudly acknowledges both its French heritage and the contributions of the many French individuals in the development of the great City of St. Louis. From General Lafayette, who served under George Washington in the Revolutionary War, to the explorers of the mighty Mississippi River, Father Jacques Marquette, Louis Joliet, and Robert de LaSalle. Our founders, Pierre Laclede and Renee Auguste Chouteau, Laclede's partner and builder, selected the site for the City, and in 1764 named it St. Louis for King Louis IX, the patron saint of King Louis XV of France, and

Whereas, our own City Hall was inspired by the Hotel DeVille of Paris and the Chateau de Chambord on the Loire River in France, and

Whereas, this exchange program has enriched both the Club Lafayette and Louisettes' education and deepened their mutual understanding of cultural diversity and similarities and has been a source of great joy to all,

Now therefore be it resolved by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to honor and laud this friendship and educational exchange program between the students of Chartres, France and St. Louis, Missouri, and that the Board of Aldermen and the people of St. Louis greet the students and say "Welcome to St. Louis!"

Introduced on the 29th day of October, 2010 by:

Honorable Stephen J. Conway Alderman 8th Ward

Adopted this the 29th day of October, 2010 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen