

RESOLUTION NUMBER 291

Bowood Farms

WHEREAS, we pause in our deliberations to congratulate Bowood Farms as the 2011 recipient of the Renaissance Award. The Renaissance Award, established in 1992, is presented to a person(s) or group who has had a profoundly positive effect on the Central West End; and

WHEREAS, when entering Bowood Farm's plant filled, garden oasis and you will forget that you are in the urban Central West End. You are surrounded by plants, and gifts, and the fabulous smells from Café Osage. This environment, part garden center, part gift shop, part restaurant, is like no other place in the region; and

WHEREAS, Bowood Farms opened the doors of its Central West End location in April 2006. John and Connie McPheeters chose the CWE as the location for the new garden center because of long family ties to the neighborhood, and to be a part of the growing urban renewal of the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, the once abandoned, boarded up, auto repair warehouse and junk yard, was literally transformed by the extensive renovations that create the unique space occupied by Bowood Farms today. . Bowood utilized many green building practices including the installation of a living, green roof; optimizing the use of natural light; in-floor radiant heat; and the use of environmentally friendly construction materials; and

WHEREAS, Bowood's decision to locate at 4605 Olive, and its first class renovation and investment, have lead the way for the redevelopment of many other buildings from Boyle to Euclid; and

WHEREAS, the ability to have breakfast, pick up a last minute gift, contract for a tree to be planted in your yard, and buy the bison and fresh herbs for tonight's dinner, all in one stop...is a treat available only in the CWE.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate Bowood Farms and to thank them for their investment and confidence in the Central West End and 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 14th day of January, 2011 by:

Honorable Lyda Krewson, Alderwoman 28th Ward

Adopted this the 14th day of January, 2011 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen