

RESOLUTION NUMBER 310
The Lucky Eleven Athletic Club

WHEREAS, the Lucky Eleven A.C. was founded by a group of 13 and 14-year old boys involved in various sandlot sports in the year 1935. Having no place to hold meetings, they dug a two-room cave in the side of a hill off the 8000 block of Polk Street in Carondelet. Forced to vacate the club cave by the owner of the ground (Missouri Pacific Railroad), the members held meetings in members' homes and later rented space in the 300 block of Marceau Street and then on South Broadway near Catalan Street. To help defray cost of uniforms and equipment the team would "pass the hat" at their ball games, hold raffles, pay dues and other activities; and

WHEREAS, on February 26, 1938, the members held their first annual dance at Rosati Hall, 7100 Michigan Avenue. Other dances followed at the Mehlville Farmers Club, the Laverne Hall, 6307 Michigan Avenue and Sauters' Nite Club (with a floor show and dance featuring Corbett Monica, who later became a show-biz celebrity); and

WHEREAS, baseball, football, softball, bowling, training youngsters to box and the annual dances kept the club active until the boys went in to the service in WW II. Upon their return in early 1946, they reorganized. Among other league championships, was the St. Louis Amateur Softball Championship (ASA) in 1955; and

WHEREAS, today's club house was built "by the members" from an army barracks purchased as war surplus from Jefferson Barracks on Halsey Street. It was dismantled, stored for a year until ground could be purchased. It was later rebuilt and improved on their present nine-acre site. All work was done by the club members who continue to maintain and improve on the building and grounds; and

WHEREAS, the members enjoy good fellowship at their twice-a-month meetings, their once-a-month dinner at the club prepared by a selected group of members, various parties, such as the Annual Christmas Party, the Annual Turkey Dinner and the Annual Breakfast for the ladies. Other events enjoyed by the members are the Annual Bowling Tournament and the Annual Triathlon featuring bowling, golf and horseshoes; and

WHEREAS, the founding members were: Charlie and Frank Intagliata, Chester Bollinger, Bill Bunch, Kerm Flicker, John and Ed O'Donnell, Bernie Flanagan, "Ding" Mueller, "Flash" Muscovalley, Lou and Harvey Tayon, Bill Moentmann and Bud Klittich. Three of the founding members are alive and still active in the club, Fran Intagliata, John O'Donnell and Kerm Ficker. Joe Hanrahan, Alderwoman Hanrahan's dad, was a long-time member before serving in WW II.; and

WHEREAS, more than 250 have at one time or other been members of the Lucky Eleven Athletic Club. At the club's founding, the members lived within 10 blocks from each other. Today's members now come from St. Louis City, Lemay, Affton, Arnold, Barnhart, Osage Beach, Imperial, Fenton, Moscow Mills, Ellisville, Bonne Terre and Festus.

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 Lucky Eleven Athletic Club for its many years of success and achievement and we direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to further 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 6th day of February, 2009 by:

Honorable Kathleen Hanrahan, Alderwoman 23rd Ward

Honorable Matthew Villa, Alderman 11th Ward

Honorable Alfred Wessels, Jr., Alderman 13th Ward

Adopted this the 6th day of February, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

