## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 390**

Wunderlich Fibre Box Company

*WHEREAS*, we have been apprised that Wunderlich Fibre Box Company will be receiving the Mayor's Spirit Award on April 23, 2009; and

*WHEREAS*, Charles Wunderlich established his cooperage shop in 1860, manufacturing barrels for local businessess, traders and settlers. In 1892, the Charles Wunderlich Cooperage Company became the first legally incorporated cooperage in Missouri. The company still sits on the original site, which at its founding, allowed easy access to the Mississippi River, the main means of transportation for many goods at that time; and

*WHEREAS*, The Charles Wunderlich Cooperage Company produced barrels until the 1930s, when the prevalence of boxes, fibre drums and plastics began to change the industry. The company officially changed its name to Wunderlich Fibre Box Company. Exclusive production of cardboard products began in the early 1960s; and

*WHEREAS*, since its founding, Wunderlich Fibre Box Company has been run by direct descendents of Charles Wunderlich and is now entering the 6th generation of family leadership. The company continues to prosper due to the hard work and loyalty of so many of its employees. At present, over half of the employees have been with Wunderlich Fibre Box for over 30 years.

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Wunderlich Fibre Box Company for their outstanding achievement and continued success 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 16th day of April, 2009 by:

## Honorable April Ford-Griffin, Alderwoman 5th Ward

Adopted this the 16th day of April, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney Clerk, Board of Aldermen Lewis E. Reed President, Board of Aldermen