

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 46**

**Tom Urani**

**WHEREAS**, Tom Urani, along with his sons, own three St. Louis based manufacturing companies. The three companies are Plastic Lumber Company of America at 8000 Hall Street, Jarold Manufacturing Company at 3920 West Pine and Beechwood Company at 11 Washington Terrace; and

**WHEREAS**, he has been a resident of the City of St. Louis for 15 years and is a trustee of the Washington Terrace neighborhood in the Central West End. Other community involvement includes being a former Vice President of the St. Louis RCGA and a former member of the Congressional Awards Committee for Missouri's 2<sup>nd</sup> District; and

**WHEREAS**, Tom's history as an entrepreneur generally involves the rescue of historic businesses, the creation of jobs and the promotion of green causes. Plastic Lumber Company recycles 6,000,000 pounds of scrap plastic each year thus diverting it from area landfills. Through his associations with the St. Louis-Jefferson Waste Management District and the State's EIARA he was invited to address Missouri State Legislators with the topic being "The Economics of Recycling;" and

**WHEREAS**, Tom purchased 62 year old Jarold Manufacturing in 2008 and thus avoided the closure of this proud St. Louis business; and

**WHEREAS**, Beechwood Corporation is a St. Louis based corporation with its manufacturing facility in Millington, Tennessee. Beechwood was Anheuser-Busch's smallest, oldest, and most recognizable supplier. This company designed the beechwood aging chip for Anheuser-Busch in 1947 and supplied them until recently

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Robert L. Wilson for his commitment to the City of St. Louis 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 21st day of May, 2009 by:

**Honorable Dionne Flowers, Alderwoman 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward**

Adopted this the 21st day of May, 2009 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