

*RESOLUTION NUMBER 49*

*WHEREAS*, we have been apprised that June 3, 2006 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of the internationally recognized entertainer and civil rights advocate Josephine Baker; and

*WHEREAS*, Freda Josephine McDonald was born in St. Louis to Carrie McDonald and Eddie Carson and moved to France at the age of 13 where she became first an international Jazz Age sensation and later an honored citizen for her courageous involvement with the French Resistance during World War II; and

*WHEREAS*, an innovative dancer, actress and singer, as well as an outspoken advocate for equality and justice for African Americans, Josephine Baker is remembered for her many important and lasting contributions to the arts and culture; and

*WHEREAS*, Josephine Baker was a citizen of the world whose commitment to civil rights and freedom continues to be an inspiration today; and

*WHEREAS*, in honor of this memorable occasion the Sheldon Art Galleries is hosting a major exhibition entitled "Josephine Baker: Image and Icon" celebrating the life and times of Ms. Baker;

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to remember Josephine Baker on the occasion of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her birth and we join her admirers around the world in remembering her many contributions to our society and we direct the Clerk of this Board to prepare a commemorative copy of this Resolution to the end that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 2nd day of June, 2006 by:

**Honorable Michael McMillan, Alderman 19th Ward**

Adopted this the 2nd day of June, 2006 as attested:

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Patrick J. Connaghan  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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James F. Shrewsbury  
President, Board of Aldermen