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Proclamation

Honoring Bob Chien for his contribution to the friendship of Kansas City, Missouri and Xi'an, China

WHEREAS, Bob Chien has made a significant impact in the Kansas City metro area for his dedication and love for the friendship between Kansas City and it's Sister City of Xi'an, China; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chien is the former President of the Chinese Club of Greater Kansas City and the Charter President of the Kansas City Ward Parkway Rotary Club (now the Kansas City Plaza Rotary Club). Mr. Chien has also been chosen as the Sister Cities International "Volunteer of the Year" in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chien traveled to Xi'an, China with Mayor Richard Berkley as an official delegate to sign the Agreement as Sister City relationship with Xi'an in 1989; other delegations were Mr. Don Alexander, Mr. Bill Snowier, Ms. Sharon Crain, and Mr. John Huang. Representatives from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and Hallmark Corporation were also in attendance; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, Mr. Chien commissioned artist Yao Xilai to create a sculpture, titled "Bridge of Friendship", which was dedicated to Xi'an in a children's park. This sculpture is enjoyed by all in Xi'an and showcases the dedicated friendship between Kansas City and Xi'an. In 1999, Mr. Chien and the Kansas City-Xi'an Sister Cities committee sponsored the funding of the building of HanJiaPing School in Xi'an and has continued to fund the school throughout the years; and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Chien helped with the placing of Terra Cotta Warrior statues in front of the International Bridge and at the Kansas City Zoo, where they are admired and cherished by the Kansas City community. Mr. Chien also helped with the creation of the Annual Kansas City International Dragon Boat Festival. The 2011 Dragon Boat Festival will be featuring the newest division, the College Division in which area colleges and universities will be competing in; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Funkhouser, Mayor of the City of Kansas City, Missouri, do hereby recognize

BOB CHIEN

for his contribution throughout the City of Kansas City, Missouri, and I wish you good health and the very best in your future endeavors.


Mayor Mark Funkhouser