

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 49
HONORING ROCHE MADDEN**

WHEREAS, Roche Madden started in career with Fox 2 news in 1985. During his tenure he has covered an impressive number of stories from St. Louis to St. Petersburg, Russia; and

WHEREAS, he flew with Pope John Paul the Second on his plane as he traveled from Rome to St. Louis. He was the only reporter to have this access; and

WHEREAS, Roche won an Emmy award for his coverage of the 2005 Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, he is the first St. Louis television reporter to travel to Saudi Arabia to cover the buildup before Operation Desert Storm; and

WHEREAS, he has covered every U.S. President since Jimmy Carter; has traveled to Haiti in 2010 to cover the devastating earthquake and traveled to Dallas to cover the 50th anniversary of the JFK assassination; and

WHEREAS, most notably, he has the pleasure of using the men's room at the White House when he covered Jack Buck's trip to meet with the first George Bush; and

WHEREAS, he has been an ace when it comes to covering news. He has always been willing to work every and any shift, his professionalism and consistency is appreciated. He will surely be missed at Fox 2.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Alderman of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the many contributions of Roche Madden and his colorful and astounding tenure as a news reporter in our City. 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 this 25th day of June, 2021 by:
The Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23rd Ward**

Adopted 25th day of June, 2021 as attested by:

**Terry Kennedy
Clerk, Board of Aldermen**

**Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen**