

RESOLUTION NUMBER 79

Marvin Davis

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that Mr. Marvin Davis has been named Father's Support Center's Father of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Marvin Davis is a funny guy. An aspiring stand-up comic, this easy-going single dad is quick with a joke, but very reflective when he talks about his time at Fathers' Support Center. "I was born in '81, and I graduated with Class 81," says Davis. "So it was like I was born again." Davis was referred to Fathers' Support Center by a friend "who saw the hunger and the passion that I had for my son — and that I wanted to take it to the next level."; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis credits the program with teaching him how to be a better father on many levels — from how to discipline, to how to develop a friendship with his child, to how to talk "to" and not "at" his son. But, most of all, Davis says, "The program gave me a better look at myself" and allowed him "to be more caring and more loving" — not only with his son, but with other fathers struggling in the community; and

WHEREAS, since 2012, Mr. Davis has had full custody of his son, 12-year-old, Markel. The father and son live together in a two-bedroom townhouse.

WHEREAS, Markel says he likes living with his dad, whom he calls "really funny." The 7th-grade basketball player also enjoys playing, and regularly beating, his father in "Tips"; and

WHEREAS, When he's not working at his job as a deli clerk at Schnucks or spending time with Markel, Mr. Davis often returns to Fathers' Support Center to speak to the men currently in the program; and

WHEREAS, as a man always looking to make his audience laugh, Mr. Davis knows the power of a positive attitude.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Mr. Marvin Davis for being honored as Father's Support Center's Father of the Year 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 13th day of June, 2014 by:

Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward

Adopted this the 13th day of June, 2014 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen