

**Resolution Number 113**  
**Steven Joseph DeBellis**

**Whereas**, Steven DeBellis was born on July 1, 1955 in St. Louis, Missouri to Frank and Catherine DeBellis; and

**Whereas**, Steven graduated from Christian Brothers College High School and then earned a Master's Degree from St. Louis University; and

**Whereas**, Steven's main interest was always history. He worked closely with the Missouri Historical Society. When it came to sports trivia or any historical trivia, Steven was your man. He would frequently answer questions on KMOX as part of the Ralph Graczak show which aired in the 1990's; and

**Whereas**, Steven was an avid collector of memorabilia. At one point he had the largest collection of beer cans in the United States; and

**Whereas**, Steven got into the beer business by designing beer labels and producing beer for independent business owners. He designed and produced Rock N' Roll beer for Joe Edwards at Blueberry hill, and Tayayna's Beer for Mike Fiola. He had produced beer for himself starting with Mizzou Brew and other collegiate brews as well as 9-0-5 beer; and

**Whereas**, Steven revived Lemp beer in 2004. He became the owner of the Lemp Brewing Co., name and trademark. This was the first time Lemp beer had been brewed in St. Louis since the end of Prohibition; and

**Whereas**, Steven put his writing and historian abilities to use and created a historical newspaper called the St. Louis Inquirer. In 1994 he acquired the St. Louis Globe Democrat name and published it as a "throwback" history newspaper. He did the research, was chief editor, and managed the printing and distribution as one of the largest one man newspapers today with circulation of over 25,000; and

**Whereas**, in 2006 Steven wrote "100 years of Reel Entertainment", a story about how Wehrenberg Theaters became the longest running picture show in America; and

**Whereas**, in 2008 Steven championed saving the Goldenrod Showboat. He established a non-profit organization dedicated to the restoration and return of the Goldenrod Showboat as a theatre on the St. Louis riverfront; and

**Whereas**, Steven served as a Board Member for the ST1250 project.

**Now Therefore be it Resolved** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to remember the many contributions of Steven DeBellis to the citizens of the City of St. Louis and we join with his many friends in expressing our sorrow at his passing, 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 memorial copy for presentation to the DeBellis family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 5th day of August, 2014 by:

**Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23<sup>rd</sup> Ward**

Adopted this the 5th day of August, 2014 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