

Resolution Number 276
Honorable Alderman Craig Schmid

WHEREAS, on April 18, 1995, Craig Schmid, a longtime resident of the Marine Villa neighborhood, was sworn in as Alderman of the 10th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Craig Schmid attended Mt. Pleasant Elementary School and Cleveland High School before going on to St. Louis University where he graduated with a BA (magna cum laude) and a JD (cum laude) from St. Louis University School of Law. Craig has a life-long commitment to education; never missing or declining an invitation to speak to youth groups, students, and foreign ambassadors who visit city hall; and

WHEREAS, the city considers the office of alderman a part-time position, Craig Schmid spent over 50 hours a week just taking care of the routine business of the ward; in addition to his long office hours, Craig attended countless neighborhood meetings, wrote letters to slum landlords, allocated block grant funds, and drafted legislation; and

WHEREAS, Craig Schmid has served as alderman of the 20th ward since 2003; prior to that he served as alderman of the 10th ward from 1995-2003 and when the 10th ward was moved after redistricting, he was as dedicated to his new constituents as he was to the residents in his ward. He answered calls, worked with the NSOs, neighborhood organizations, and attended meetings in both wards for over a year before being re-elected as the 20th Ward alderman; and

WHEREAS, as a public servant, Craig has been actively involved in obtaining city services for constituents, improving housing, economic and human development, educational opportunities, crime and public safety issues, and seeking enforcement of quality of life violations; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Schmid has been an active member of many neighborhood organizations and boards including the Gravois Park Neighborhood Accountability Board (restorative justice program with the Juvenile Court), Commissioner & Vice-Chair of the Civil Rights Enforcement Agency, St. Louis Family & Community Partnership, Neighborhood Leadership Team Member of the Sustainable Neighborhood-South City Cluster, P.A.C.E. (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly, Consumer Advisory Committee, Marine Villa Neighborhood Association, St. Louis Christmas Carols Association, Roosevelt High School Community Advisory Committee—and that just names a few; and

WHEREAS, most recently Craig served on the Legislation Committee (Chairman), Health & Human Services, Housing & Urban Development, and Intergovernmental Affairs (Vice-Chair), but it was never uncommon to see him in a Ways & Means, Neighborhood Development, Public Safety, Public Utilities, or Streets committee testifying on a bill that he was passionate about; and

WHEREAS, Craig is a favorite of the staff and employees at city hall due to the countless hours he spent in the office; Craig always participated in the annual City Employee Appreciation BBQ, not only donating funds, but serving employees with sincerity and appreciation, he entertained us at Christmas parties when he played his trumpet, he joined the lunch room gang regularly to work and chat while he ate, and Craig always enjoyed giving thoughtful, St. Louis style gifts to the entire staff at Christmas and for employee appreciation; he will be truly missed; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen, the staff, and Craig's many, many friends at city hall wish him, his wife Cindy, and daughters Emily and Sarah, nothing but the best in their future.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to express our sincere appreciation to Alderman Craig Schmid for his many contributions to this Board, the residents of the 10th and 20th wards, and the City of St. Louis as a whole and we further wish him success in all his future endeavors, and we 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 20th day of April, 2015 by:

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen

Adopted this the 20th day of April, 2015 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen