

RESOLUTION NUMBER 14
HONORING THE HONORABLE ROBERT G. DOWD, JR.

WHEREAS, this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis has been apprised of the meritorious deeds of the Honorable Robert G. Dowd, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Robert G. Dowd, Jr., of St. Louis, Missouri, retired from his position as Chief Judge for the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, on December 31, 2020, following forty-one years of service to the bench, making him the longest serving active judge in Missouri history at the time of his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Judge Dowd was elected as a Magistrate Judge for the City of St. Louis in 1978; was retained as an Associate Circuit Judge in 1982; was appointed by Governor John Ashcroft as a Circuit Judge for the City of St. Louis in 1985 and served in that position until his appointment by Governor Mel Carnahan to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, under the Missouri Nonpartisan Court Plan in 1994, where he served until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions, Judge Dowd has also enjoyed recognition by being a valuable member of the Missouri Bar Association, the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, and the Lawyers Association of St. Louis; chairing the Judicial Education Committee from 1994-2000 and the Judicial Finance Commission from 1994-2003; and

WHEREAS, he served on the Appellate Reapportionment Commission in 2011 and as Coordinator of the Saint Louis University School of Law Joseph J. Simeone Intern Fellowship at the Court of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, the holder of a Bachelor's degree from Quincy College in Quincy, Massachusetts, and a Juris Doctor degree from St. Mary's School of Law in San Antonio, Texas, Judge Dowd worked in private law practice at the Dowd & Dowd Law Firm, founded by his uncle and father, prior to assuming his judicial responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Robert Dowd has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, Denise Dowd; three children and their spouses, Matthew Dowd, Patrick and Stacey Dowd, and Molly and Nick Budd; and three grandchildren, Sam, Alice, and Lydia.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis pause in our deliberations to recognize and congratulate the Honorable Robert G. Dowd, Jr. on his many contributions and accomplishments rendered to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District. 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 him at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 29th day of April, 2022 by:
The Honorable Anne Schweitzer, Alderwoman 13th Ward

Adopted this 29th day of April, 2022 as attested by:

Terry Kennedy
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen