

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 86
HONORING MICHAEL (MIKE) A. NETTLES**

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis of the great asset Michael (Mike) A. Nettles has been to the St. Louis community; and

WHEREAS, Michael (Mike) A. Nettles has been an asset in the City of St. Louis, Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry, The Division of Recreation since June 11, 1990. He was valuable at the that time and only continued to get better; and

WHEREAS, he is a multi talented individual. He excels in coaching football, basetball, softball and of course basketball. He is extremely skillful and he is unusually patient. He also has the ability to see the good in every child. This is evidenced by his work with children, youth and adults who have mental, behavioral and emotional challenges as well as those fighting addictions; and

WHEREAS, he has a special way of connecting with youth to let them know they matter to him, and to others. Mike has helped countless youth win scholarships to private high schools and to colleges and universities. Many of his former patients attribute their sobriety and clear thinking to Michael Nettles. Michael always has a truck load of youth riding with him, and he loves them all; and

WHEREAS, many mother's and father's who participates in Mike's programs are now bringing their children to Wohl, to benefit from Mike's wisdom, energy, and patience; and

WHEREAS, Mike truly has a heart for youth, and for the St. Louis Community. Mike has taken the Wohl Center to the pinnacle of youth development in the City of St. Louis, the State of Missouri and the United States of America. The reputation of the Wohl Recreation is worldwide. Many legends in many sports and in the Arts, had their beginnings in the Wohl Recreation Center. Many entrepreneurs also received their training at Wohl; and

WHEREAS, Mike has worked 6 or 7 days per week for the last 15 years. He can be depended on to come to Wohl whenever he is needed. Mike in many ways, is Wohl Center. He is Mr. Mike to hundreds of youth in St. Louis City. Following is a partial list of some of those youth who have in turn given back to Wohl Center:

Donations - Basketball by High School Players to Wohl Recreation Center

- Jayson Tatum - Gatorade National Player of the year 2015-2016 - \$10,000.00
- Torrence Watson - Gatorade Missouri Player of the year 2017-2018 - \$11,000.00
- Calb Love - Gatorade Missouri Player of the year - 2019-2020 - \$1,000.00
- Jayson Tatum - Floor Refinishing at Wohl Recreation Center - \$21,000.00
- Jayson Tatum - Annual free Basketball Camp - \$30,000.00
- Jayson Tatum - Computer Lab - \$10,000.00
- Jayson Tatum - Backpack Giveaway - \$10,000.00

Donations - By Boxing Program

- Devon Alexander - Christmas Giveaway - \$5,000.00
- Barry Aycock - Ben Stewart Academy Donation - 5,000.00

Donations by Other Organizations

- Diversity Initiative - \$10,000.00
- Community Development Administration - \$10,000.00
- Barns Jewish Hospital - \$10,000.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Honorable the Board of Alderman of the City of St. Louis pause in our deliberations to acknowledge and salute the outstanding accomplishments and dedicated service of

Mr. Michael (Mike) A. Nettles for his consistent and continuous excellence at The Wohl Recreation Center. 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 at a time and place and to those deemed appropriate by its sponsor.

**Introduced this 17th day of September, 2021 by:
The Honorable Shameem Clark- Hubbard, Alderwoman 26th Ward**

Adopted this 17th day of September, 2021 as attested by:

Terry Kennedy
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen