

RESOLUTION NUMBER 89
HONORING ANTHONY “TONY” BRENDEL

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the 35th Birthday celebration of Anthony “Tony” Brendel; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Brendel was born to David and Rosina Brendel on October 5, 1986. Tony was born with a rare disorder known as Klippel Trenaunay Syndrome. K.T. Syndrome causes abnormal growth of one or more of the limbs and developmental delays. Tony has whole body involvement which means his whole body is large; and

WHEREAS, when Tony was 2 years old his parents took him to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. They said not to expect much from him but he has proved them wrong; and

WHEREAS, Tony received leg length surgery at Shriners Hospital which has changed his life; and

WHEREAS, Tony traveled all over the state for tournaments where he played Softball, Basketball, Bocce Ball, Golf, Bowling and Soccer for the Special Olympics and has received over 200 medals; and

WHEREAS, Tony was named Mr. Basketball for the State of Missouri Special Olympics in 2004. In 2007 he was named Adult Ambassador for Eastern Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Tony has played Challenger Baseball for over 25 years. He was on stage in 2016 when Buck Smith, the person who started Challenger Baseball, received a Stan Musial Award; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 Tony received an outstanding work award for his work at Busch Stadium; and

WHEREAS, Tony attended Wilkinson, Shaw and Bush Schools in the St. Louis Public School System. He attended Nottingham Community Access Job Training school. There he was trained for many jobs and graduated in 2008. However, Tony’s dream was to work at Busch Stadium where he has worked for 14 years; and

WHEREAS, Tony’s hobbies include Legos, Puzzles, Bowling, Monster Trucks, Funko Pops, Baseball Memorabilia, Planting Vegetables, Star Wars and Transformers. He is doing things virtually now including Art Class, Exercise and AADD; Association on Aging with Development Disabilities. He never gives up riding a bike, walking and playing ball; and

WHEREAS, Tony has helped his Mom and sister make masks during Covid-19; and

WHEREAS, Tony has continued to amaze his family every year of his life. The pandemic has been a challenge but he remains positive and happy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we wish to congratulate Anthony “Tony” Brendel on the occasion of his 35th Birthday and by adoption of this Resolution wish join with those celebrating this day. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of this proceeding and to prepare a commemorative copy for presentation to our honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced on the 24th day of September, 2021 by:
Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23rd Ward

Adopted this the 24th Day of September, 2021 as attested by:

Terry Kennedy
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen