

Resolution Number 48
Captain John Watson Jr.

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that after more than twenty-seven years of dedicated service to the City of St. Louis with the St. Louis Fire Department, Captain John Watson retired on February 21st, 2015; and

WHEREAS, John began his career with the St. Louis Fire Department on August 31, 1987 and was promoted to the rank of captain on July 29, 1999; and

WHEREAS, through his distinguished career, Captain John Watson held various assignments with the Department, including work in Engine Houses 12, 17, 22, 11, and 23, as well as on the Marine Task Force; and

WHEREAS, as Captain, John's integrity, leadership skills, and commitment to professionalism to the Fire Department earned him the respect and admiration of his fellow firefighters, the clerical staff, and lay people he worked with; and

WHEREAS, in addition to numerous letters of appreciation from the public, John, along with his team, were the recipients of the Dressel Award, given to those who are responsible for saving someone from death due to your action-in this case he resuscitated a heart attack victim; and

WHEREAS, although John is retiring from the City, he plans to remain active as Co-Pastor of his church, Maple Temple, President of the Academy-Sherman Park Neighborhood Association, and he is beginning a new career in Real Estate; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis is pleased to honor Captain John Watson, Jr. for the safety and protection he has provided to the residents of our city and for the outstanding contributions he has made to the St. Louis Fire Department.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations say farewell and good luck to Captain John Watson after twenty-seven years of commitment and dedication to the citizens of St. Louis, and we wish him peace and happiness in his retirement. 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 the him at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 12^h day of June, 2015 by:

Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward

Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26th Ward

Adopted this 12th day of June, 2015 as attested by

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen