

RESOLUTION NO. 54
Tom Gilmore

WHEREAS, at the age of 17, Mr. Tom Gilmore enlisted in the Navy at St. Louis' Soldier's Memorial in 1951; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gilmore served on the 43rd Parallel in Korea in the winter of 1952-1953, which averaged temperatures of -30 to -40 degrees Fahrenheit; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gilmore received the Syngman Rhee Korean Presidential Unit Citation, the Combat Medal, the Presidential Unit Citation, the Korean Service Medal with two bronze stars, the United Nations Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal, as well as other notable military citations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gilmore is a life member of the St. Louis Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association and their representative on the Soldier's Memorial Commission; he is a life member of the Disable American Veterans and is actively involved in various veteran's interests; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gilmore is a 16th Ward Resident and a long-time City of St. Louis and neighborhood activist; he is affectionately referred to as the "Mayor of Willmore Road"; and

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2017, Mr. Tom Gilmore was a member of the Greater St. Louis Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the Greater St. Louis Honor Flight is a local organization focused on transporting America's senior military veterans to Washington D.C. to experience the memorials built in their honor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the great accomplishment of Mr. Tom Gilmore's membership in the Greater St. Louis Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., and to thank him for his work with veteran and community affairs. 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 our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 9th day of June, 2017, by:

The Honorable Tom Oldenburg, 16th Ward Alderman
The Honorable Carol Howard, 14th Ward Alderwoman
The Honorable Lewis Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

Adopted the 9th day of June, 2017, as attested by:

Donna Evans-Booker
Assistant Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis Reed
President, Board of Aldermen