

Resolution Number 76
Dick Mantia

WHEREAS, we pause in our deliberations to express our sadness and offer condolences to the family of our long-time friend and labor leader, Dick Mantia, who passed away on June 4, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Dick Mantia grew up in St. Louis and became an apprentice with the Asbestos Workers Local 1 in 1947, he was in the Navy from 1950-1952 and served on the destroyer-tender USS Cascade in the Mediterranean; and

WHEREAS, in 1952 Dick married Toni Briguglio of St. Louis and they had two children, a son, Rocky Mantia, and daughter Michelle Scarfino. Dick has seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren whom he adored; and

WHEREAS, as a teenager, Dick was a boxer for South Broadway Athletic Club and in 2004 he was inducted in the St. Louis Classic Sports Foundation Boxing Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Dick had a 53-year career serving the members of Heat and Frost Insulators Local 1 as an executive board member, business representative and business manager; he served as secretary-treasurer of the St. Louis Building & Construction Trades Council for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Dick Mantia may be most remembered for what he did to bring the area's building trades unions and contractors to the same table, prior to Dick taking over in 1972 conditions were chaotic, he created harmony in the industry; and

WHEREAS, PRIDE stands for Productivity and Responsibility Increase Development and Employment. It was the first group of its kind and it propelled Mantia onto the national labor scene. Mantia served as labor co-chair of PRIDE for 20 years, until 1992 when he was named the international representative and organizer of the International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators Local 1; and

WHEREAS, Dick Mantia retired five years ago to enjoy and spend time with his wife, family, and friends.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and acknowledge the many accomplishments of Dick Mantia and his many contributions to labor. 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 memorial copy for presentation to the family of Dick Mantia at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 6th day of June 2014 by:

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen

Honorable Joe Vaccaro, Alderman 23rd Ward

Adopted this 6th day of June, 2014 as attested by

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen