

**RESOLUTION NO. 83**  
**Rosalie Garavaglia LaGates**

**WHEREAS**, Rosalie Garavaglia LaGates was born in 1942 to Joseph J. and Julia Cook Garavaglia; and

**WHEREAS**, her parents were married in August 1939, and Joseph Garavaglia bought the Hilltop Inn tavern that same year; Joseph and Julia ran the Hilltop together until Joseph's death in 1959; Julia then ran it until March 1966; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 1, 1966, Rosalie became the sole proprietor of the Hilltop until its closing on June 30, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hilltop has been a neighborhood institution for generations, with its excellent food service and reliable hospitality; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosalie went to elementary school at St. Stephen's through sixth grade and attended the Immaculate Heart of Mary for seventh and eighth grade; she graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1959; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosalie married Bob Neels in 1961, and they had three children: Lisa Marie Neels, Robert Joseph Neels, and Michael Carl Neels; and

**WHEREAS**, she met the second great love of her life, Al LaGates, whom she married in 1980; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosalie is blessed with several grandchildren: Kennedy Marie Neels, Ava Rosalie Neels, Amelia Grace Neels, and Enrico Michael Neels; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosalie's business was named the Neighborhood Business of the Year in 2010; and Rosalie was an honoree of the Italian Open Children's Charity Golf Tournament; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting that we congratulate Rosalie on her retirement and wish her well as she begins her next stage in life.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we thank Rosalie Garavaglia LaGates for her contribution to our community, and we congratulate her on her retirement. We further instruct the Clerk to spread a copy of this resolution over the permanent rolls of this Board, as well as a commemorative copy to the end that it might be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 30th day of June, 2016, by:

**The Honorable Larry Arnowitz, Alderman 12th Ward**  
**The Honorable Thomas Villa, Alderman 11th Ward**  
**The Honorable Beth Murphy, Alderwoman 13th Ward**  
**The Honorable Carol Howard, Alderwoman 14th Ward**  
**The Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23rd Ward**

Adopted this the 30th day of June, 2016, as attested by:

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Timothy O'Connell  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen