

Resolution 99
Firefighter John Whalen

WHEREAS, we pause today in our deliberations to express our sense of appreciation and congratulations to Firefighter John Whalen for the unselfish act of heroism and decency he displayed in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Firehouse Magazine was founded in 1976 and for nearly 40 years the magazine has served as a journal of record for the fire service; and

WHEREAS, Firehouse Magazine is a monthly publication with a readership just shy of one million, many coming from within the fire service; each year thousands are nominated for National Awards for Heroism, Firehouse ranks the winners—the STLFD is proud to have eight members recognized; and

WHEREAS, at an apartment fire Captain Bricker and Firefighter Barga stretched an attack line into the fire, while others conducted exterior truck work. Firefighters Fondren and Whalen followed the hoseline to conduct a primary search; and

WHEREAS, while proceeding deeper into the fire, Whalen heard moaning and soon discovered that Barga had gone down. Whalen dragged the injured firefighter out of the apartment where patient care was rendered; and

WHEREAS, on the anniversary of September 11th, when many firefighters and first responders gave their lives in New York City, we take a moment to express our gratitude to John Whalen for his quick thinking and courage in the face of life threatening danger and his dedication to the safety of the residents of St. Louis.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and applaud Firefighter John Whalen for his unselfish act of heroism. 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 presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 11th day of September, 2015 by:

Alderman Joe Vacarro, Ward 23
Lewis E. Reed, President

Adopted this the 11th day of September, 2015 as attested by:

Donna Evans-Booker
Assistant Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen