

Resolution 101
Firefighter Mario Montero

WHEREAS, we pause today in our deliberations to express our sense of appreciation and congratulations to Captain Mario Montero for the unselfish act of heroism and decency he displayed on December 8th, 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, on December 8th, 2014, the St. Louis Fire Department was called to an incident involving a “jumper” on the Eads Bridge; the jumper was atop a high-tension, high-voltage power line tower stretching approximately 130-150 feet above the Mississippi River. Captain Montero and Firefighter Moore proceeded to the lower portion of the tower near the flood wall; a ground ladder was placed on the flood wall to gain access, and Montero and Moore began to ascend the tower. Upon reaching the top, Montero found a 21-year-old female who was distraught and did not want anyone near her; and

WHEREAS, through use of a cell phone, Montero conveyed messages from a negotiator on the ground; the female was eventually coaxed to a safer location on the tower and, after several more hours of negotiation, she even began descending the tower wearing safety equipment she insisted on donning herself so that no one would touch her. Halfway down she became agitated and began to ascend the tower again; after further dialogue with her, the female descended the tower and was transferred to the care of EMS. Without the combined efforts of all involved, this incident may have had a tragic ending; 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 Mario Montero 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 Captain Mario Montero 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 Larry Arnowitz, Ward 12
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