

Resolution 102
Firefighter Thomas Gaska

WHEREAS, we pause today in our deliberations to express our sense of appreciation and congratulations to Firefighter Thomas Gaska for the unselfish act of heroism and decency he displayed on May 5th, 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 May 5th, 2014, crews responded to a fire in a one-story frame residence with heavy fire and smoke showing. The initial fire attack controlled the scene and allowed firefighters the opportunity to conduct a primary search that resulted in Firefighter Gaska locating an unconscious civilian victim; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Cheatham and Captain Koch helped remove the victim from the house where he was treated and transported to a local hospital; the victim made a full recovery; 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 Tom Gaska 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 Thomas Gaska 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