

Resolution Number 133
SEA 30th Reunion Class of '83

WHEREAS, St. Elizabeth Academy, located at 3401 Arsenal Street opened in 1882 as an all girl Catholic High School; and

WHEREAS, in the Fall of 1979 a young class of bright women arrived, ready for new experiences; new people to meet, new uniforms, no boys, new teachers, a schedule with “mods” that seemed like a puzzle, new things to do; and

WHEREAS, the Class of '83 soon felt at home and very comfortable at SEA. The young freshmen women made their first high school retreat, held at the St. Mary's Sisters Motherhouse, where they learned much about themselves and bonded tremendously with their classmates. Their enthusiasm carried over into Spirit Week as the girls showed lots of energy and they truly were “hopping with spirit.” and

WHEREAS, in 1981 this young class came back as sophomores, with a confidence that could not be mistaken. The bonds had formed, and friendships that would last 30 years had only just begun. That year, the entire school knew the sophomores meant business, when they won the Annual Penny Walk. More connections were made as their journey continued that November during their retreat to Mercy; and

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WHEREAS, in 1982 St. Elizabeth Academy celebrated its 100th anniversary with a city-wide Centennial celebration and parade. Mayor Vince Schomehl proclaimed Sept 1st Centennial Day and Tennessee Street became St. Elizabeth Avenue. The Class of '83 represented the school with a cookie monster float and one of our own leading the parade carrying the school flag. By this time, lifelong friendships had been formed and families had been joined together as the Class of '83 moved closer towards senior year and graduation; and

WHEREAS, 1982 had finally arrived and so had the Class of 1983. Four years later, we received our rings; special to our class symbolizing our ties with St. Elizabeth Academy, with our classmates, with the future. We were now the Big Sisters, Snoopy was our mascot, the pink rose was our flower, and “The Times of Our Lives” had just begun. After hundreds of classes, tons of laughter, a few trips to the principal's office, this was a special year. The book was closed on our Centennial celebrations and we are the first graduates of the new century. (Not to mention our St. Louis Cardinals went all the way won the World Series right here in town and as seniors we won for Spirit Week with Snoopy at bat).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the Class of 1983 on the occasion of their 30th High School Reunion and wish them well as they celebrate with Mass and a social gathering at Bartolino's. 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 be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 11th day of October, 2013 by:

Honorable Christine Ingrassia, 6th Ward

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

Honorable Joe Vacarro, 23rd Ward

Adopted this 11th day of October, 2013 as attested by

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen