

RESOLUTION NUMBER 148

Smokey Robinson

WHEREAS, Mr. Smokey Robinson was once said by Bob Dylan to be “America’s greatest living poet” and has blessed our nation with his soulful musicianship through his countless songs that address the full range of human emotion, both pain and joy alike, accumulating more than 4,000 songs to his credit, with chart-busting hits among them, to wit, songs such as “You’ve Really Got a Hold on Me,” “I Second That Emotion,” “Tears of a Clown,” and “The Tracks of My Tears”; and

WHEREAS, Voices for Veterans holds concerts to raise money and awareness and to inspire volunteerism to house veterans permanently and to provide needed services to support their ongoing quality of life when they return home; and

WHEREAS, Voices for Veterans has graced this City by promoting and staging a benefit concert on Sunday, December 6, 2015, at the Peabody Opera House featuring the incomparable talents of Mr. Smokey Robinson and Mr. Mario Frangoulis, with a goal of raising funds to help Veterans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mario Frangoulis is an internationally acclaimed tenor known for his refined vocal interpretations and ability to sing in over five languages, has played Marius in Les Miserables and Raoul in Phantom of the Opera, and has performed with the Boston Pops and artists such as Justin Hayward, Vanessa Williams, Vittorio Grigolo, and Stephan Moccio, and has sold over 1 million albums worldwide; and

WHEREAS, our City should thank Vocies for Veterans, Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Frangoulis for embarking on the important and laudable goal of helping our nation’s veterans, as well as the show’s other sponsors, including Boeing Defense, Ameren Missouri, Give US Your Poor, Eisenhower Fellows of St. Louis, and Attila Glatz Concert Productions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to recognize and acknowledge the many accomplishments and contributions of Mr. Smokey Robinson, and we offer our sincere wish that the concert put on by Mr. Robinson, Mr. Feringoulis, and Voices for Veterans is a glorious success. 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 memorial copy to the end that it may be presented to representatives of Voices for Veterans at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 4th day of December, 2015, by:

The Honorable Marlene Davis, 19th Ward Alderwoman

Adopted this the 4th day of December, 2015 as attested by:

Timothy G. O’Connell
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen