

RESOLUTION NUMBER 202
Blue Star Memorial Marker
At Cochran VA Health Care Center

WHEREAS, the Blue Star Memorial Program honors all men and women that serve in the United States Armed Services; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Star became an icon in World War II, and the National Council of State Garden Clubs adopted the Blue Star Memorial Program in 1945; and

WHEREAS, the East Central District Garden Clubs of the Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri dedicated a Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker on Friday, February 19, 2016 at the John J. Cochran VA Health Care Center in St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, this Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker serves as a tribute to the men and women of Missouri who have given so much to their nation throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, former East Central District Director Mary Davidson-Officer organized and served as Master of Ceremonies for the event along with the staff at the John J. Cochran V.A. Health Care Center; and

WHEREAS, this event was open to the public, all veterans from the St. Louis were invited as well as many State and Local dignitaries who supported this dedication by the garden clubs of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, great appreciation is expressed to those who assisted with the program from Scott Air Force Base, the Military Chaplain, Phil Baker, the Bagpiper, Peter Perry, and the Bugler, Jack Poitras, and many Federated Garden Club members.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the East Central District Garden Clubs of the Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri as they dedicate a Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker to the men and women from Missouri who have served in our Armed Forces. 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 at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 19th day of February, 2016, by:

The Honorable Jack Coatar, Alderman 7th Ward

Adopted this the 19th day of February, 2016, as attested by:

Timothy G. O'Connell
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen