

RESOLUTION NUMBER 205

Mrs. Juanita G. Franco

WHEREAS, after more than 29 years of dedicated service to the City of St. Louis, Juanita Franco will retire on January 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Franco began her career with the City of St. Louis on September 13, 1988 when she was appointed as the Clerk Typist for the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department. Mrs. Franco performed in the City Courts, Mayor's Office, Lambert Airport, Justice Center, Fire Department, and currently in the Multigraph Section within the Supply Division; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Franco's integrity, commitment to professionalism, and dedication to the City and residents was evident on many occasions. She gathered city resident signatures and lobbied officials in 1996 to successfully reinstate 24-hour Spanish language programming for the all city residents including those in the Hispanic community that relied on it for news when it was abruptly removed from the air; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Franco's customer service shined as a volunteer Spanish translator for travelers flying through Lambert Airport, judges and civilians at the City Courts, and at the Police Department over her career; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Franco assisted city representatives in 2003 to successfully pass legislation to identify and fairly compensate city personnel that proficiently and regularly use a foreign language in city related duties; and

WHEREAS, Juanita will move into a new phase of her life to pursue other passions and spend time with her husband Andres Franco, two sons, one daughter, and nine grandchildren with one more on the way in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis is pleased to extend a sincere thank you to Juanita Franco for the long and productive service she has made to our City and to wish her good health and much happiness in her retirement and future endeavors.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to express our sincere appreciation to Juanita Franco for her many contributions to the City of St. Louis and we further wish Mrs. Franco the best in her retirement and we 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 distinguished honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 26th day of January 2018 by:

The Honorable Daniel Guenther, Alderman 9th Ward

Adopted this 26th day of January 2018 as attested by:

Donna Elliot
Assistant Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen