

RESOLUTION 256
SENATOR AIDAN DAVITT

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis Board of Aldermen pauses today to recognize and welcome to St. Louis Senator Aidan Davitt, our special Guest of Honor from Ireland; and

WHEREAS, the 50th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee Luncheon, hosted by Charles and Shirley Drury and the family of Charles and June Gallagher, have welcomed prominent community leaders from Ireland every year to mark the special occasion; and

WHEREAS, Senator Davitt has had a lifelong involvement in Fianna Fáil and has held most positions in his Cloughan Cumman in Mullingar, the county town of County Westmeath in Ireland, the third most populous town in the middlelands region; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, on his first attempt, Aidan Davitt was elected to Westmeath County Council and Mullingar Town Council; in 2014 he topped the poll and was elected on the first count to Westmeath County Council representing Mullingar and North Westmeath; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Senator Davitt was elected to represent Fianna Fáil on the Industrial and Commercial Panel, getting the highest number of First Preference votes with the Fianna Fáil party; he is currently the Fianna Fáil, Spokesperson for Business, Enterprise, and Innovation in Ireland's Senate; and

WHEREAS, sports is an integral part of Aidan's life and particularly the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA), Ireland's largest sporting organization; it is celebrated as one of the great amateur sporting associations in the world and it is part of the Irish consciousness and plays an influential role in Irish society that extends far beyond the basic aim of promoting Gaelic games; Senator Davitt formed the Westmeath Hurling Supporters Group and is currently Chairman of St. Lohmans GAA.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to welcome Senator Aidan Davitt to St. Louis and thank him for his role in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. 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 the honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 15th day of March, 2019 by:

The Honorable Beth Murphy, Alderwoman 13th Ward
The Honorable Carol Howard, Alderwoman 14th Ward
The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

Adopted this 15th day of March, 2019 as attested by:

Lou Galli
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen