

RESOLUTION NUMBER 257
PEGGY RYAN

WHEREAS, we pause today to note the passing of our dear friend and colleague Peggy Ryan who entered eternal peace on March 27, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Peggy was born on July 31, 1948 in Turrell, Arkansas before her family moved to St. Louis; she grew up and was raised in what is now the 22nd Ward; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Ryan graduated from Soldan High School in 1966 and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication Arts from St. Louis University along with Teaching Certification for grades K-12; she continued her education at the University of Missouri-St. Louis where Peggy earned her Master's Degree in Special Education-Behavior Disorder; and

WHEREAS, in 2001 Peggy Ryan was elected to fill an unexpired term as alderman of the 4th ward; she was re-elected to a four year term in 2003; as Alderwoman, Peggy served on various committees including, Ways & Means, Public Safety, Housing and Urban Development, Transportation & Commerce and the Intergovernmental Affairs committee; and

WHEREAS, while serving on the Board of Aldermen, Alderwoman Ryan continued to teach Middle School Special Education for the St. Louis Board of Education; teaching and working with youth in need was a special calling for Peggy, one that left ever-lasting memories to her many, many students as well as their parents; and

WHEREAS, Alderwoman Ryan's expansive experience in public relations inspired her to start her own consulting agency where she assisted clients in professional development, management skills, business promotions, and media productions, while managing the modeling careers of young men and women at a local modeling agency; and

WHEREAS, Alderwoman Peggy Ryan's interest in community has been shown through her diligent service to political, civic, and faith-based organizations. She was instrumental in the Get Out the Vote efforts and voter registration drives; she served as a key member of the Jesse Jackson for President campaigns in 1984 and 1988; Peggy organized fundraisers, initiated community interest, and served as a local spokesman for Reverend Jackson's platform and issues and accompanied his team to the 1984 Democratic National Convention in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Peggy was an active member of New Sunny Mount Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday school and served on the Board of Christian Education while also helping as a Pastor's Aide for the Family Support Group; Alderwoman Ryan holds membership with Rainbow P.U.S.H. and the St. Louis Child Development Institute; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Peggy Ryan's colleagues at the St. Louis Board of Aldermen and her many friends at New Sunny Mount Baptist Church, the St. Louis Board of Education, and former students, she will be greatly missed by her brother, four sisters, her devoted son, daughter-in-law, grandson, granddaughter, and her great-niece.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to recognize and celebrate the life of Alderwoman Peggy Ryan and acknowledge her accomplishments and contributions to the City of St. Louis. 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 family of Peggy Ryan at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 6th day of April, 2018 by:

Honorable Sam Moore, 4th Ward Alderman

The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

- The Honorable Brandon Bosley, Alderman 3rd Ward
- The Honorable Tammika Hubbard, Alderwoman 5th Ward
- The Honorable Christine Ingrassia, Alderwoman 6th Ward
- The Honorable Dan Guenther, Alderman 9th Ward
- The Honorable Joseph Vollmer, Alderman 10th Ward
- The Honorable Larry Arnowitz, Alderman 12th Ward
- The Honorable Beth Murphy, Alderwoman 13th Ward
- The Honorable Carol Howard, Alderwoman 14th Ward
- The Honorable Joseph Roddy, Alderman 17th Ward
- The Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward
- The Honorable Marlene E. Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward
- The Honorable Cara Spencer, Alderwoman 20th Ward
- The Honorable John Collins-Muhammad, Alderman 21st Ward
- The Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward
- The Honorable Joe Vaccaro, Alderman 23rd Ward
- The Honorable Shane Cohn, Alderman 25th Ward
- The Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26th Ward
- The Honorable Pam Boyd, Alderwoman 27th Ward
- The Honorable Heather Navarro Alderwoman 28th Ward

Adopted this 6th day of April, 2018 as attested by:

Louis C. Galli
Interim Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen