

RESOLUTION NUMBER 196

Mr. Richard E. Hrabko

WHEREAS, we have been apprised of the upcoming retirement of Mr. Richard E. Hrabko, Director of Lambert-St. Louis International Airport; and

WHEREAS, Richard Hrabko was appointed Director of Lambert-St. Louis International Airport by St. Louis City Mayor Francis Slay on April 23, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the airport is the primary air carrier facility for the St. Louis region handling over 15 million passengers annually. Mr. Hrabko managed a department with an annual budget of 159 million dollars and a staff of more than 600 employees. He was also Chairman of the 17-member St. Louis Airport Commission; and

WHEREAS, before his appointment, Mr. Hrabko was the Director of Aviation for St. Louis County (1980-2007). His primary responsibility was the administration, development and operation of the Spirit of St. Louis Airport, a general aviation hub in West St. Louis County. He developed the airport into a major employment center, totaling more than 3,000 employees, 130 businesses and with annual economic impact of nearly \$400 million a year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hrabko served 7 years in the U. S. Navy as a naval aviator and Air traffic control supervisor. He began his civil aviation management career at the Spirit of St. Louis Airport in 1964; he was the first employee hired at the facility as an air traffic controller. He was the Executive Vice President and General Manager at Spirit of St. Louis Airport from 1971 to 1980. Mr. Hrabko holds a commercial pilot's license with multi engine ratings; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hrabko is currently the Chairman of the Missouri Aviation Advisory Committee. He is an accredited member of the American Association of Airport Executives, co-founder of the Missouri Airport Managers Association, co-founder of the Missouri Aviation Coalition and a member of the Missouri Pilots Association. Mr. Hrabko is also President and CEO of the St. Louis County Fair and Air Show, a non-profit corporation of 2,000 volunteers which raises money for the Children's Miracle Network and other charities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to thank and honor Mr. Richard E. Hrabko for his many years of service to the St. Louis region and we wish him well in retirement and 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 to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 13th day of November, 2009 by:

Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23rd Ward
Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

Adopted this the 13th day of November, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

