

Resolution Number 52
RAYMOND J. BRODZINSKI – EXTRAORDINARY CITIZEN OF ST. LOUIS

WHEREAS, RAYMOND J. BRODZINSKI is a native St. Louisan who loves his City and has been active in innumerable causes of good citizenship throughout his life, including serving on a Federal Grand Jury in connection with Senator Estes Kefauver's probe into organized crime in the 1950s, serving in 1970 as foreman of the Missouri Grand Jury in St. Louis, serving as president of the Grand Jury Association of St. Louis, and most recently serving as president for over 30 years of the 40 year history of the Grand Jury Association Good Citizenship Fund that has awarded nearly 800 awardees more than \$75,000; and

WHEREAS, RAYMOND J. BRODZINSKI has expended countless hours to research and award citizens of our great City for their involvement in the apprehension and prosecution of criminals; and

WHEREAS, RAYMOND J. BRODZINSKI retired from the banking industry in 1994 after 48 years of work, but has remained active in a plethora of volunteer efforts; and

WHEREAS, RAYMOND J. BRODZINSKI, as a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army has been a proud member of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux (“The Society of 40 Men and 8 Horses”, named for the French train box cars – “voitures” -- that took U.S. Dough Boys to the front lines in WW I); and

WHEREAS, RAYMOND J. BRODZINSKI married his lovely bride Ann before shipping out to WW II Army service, and years later made a bargain with St. Joseph at the Altar of Miracles of St. Joseph Shrine at 11th & Biddle Streets in St. Louis that he would take up St. Joseph’s cause if his wife’s leg that was threatened with amputation were spared. His wife’s leg was spared and RAY kept his promise, serving religiously as a tour guide of St. Joseph’s Shrine every Monday thereafter; and

WHEREAS, RAYMOND J. BRODZINSKI has a special care and dedication for those who are visually impaired or who suffer physical limitations; and

WHEREAS, RAYMOND J. BRODZINSKI has been especially active for more than 55 years in so very many aspects of the American Legion that it is impossible to recount all of them, but they include: being honored as Legionnaire of the year in 2008; serving for more than 36 years as Finance Officer of his Quentin Roosevelt Post #1; serving for a number of years as advisor to the Commander of his Post; Commander of his Post in 1961 & 1976; District Commander in 1978; Commander of the Department in 1998; serving in countless committees, commissions and chairs; in the District and Department serving as Post #1 delegate so that he attended many conventions, committees and meetings; and being depended upon to act as Parliamentarian because of his vast store of knowledge about the organization’s bylaws and Robert’s Rules of Order; and

WHEREAS, RAYMOND J. BRODZINSKI is an eternal optimist and has dedicated his life to the importance of active citizenship, especially encouraging people to get involved in serving on grand jury and calling the police.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and thank RAYMOND J. BRODZINSKI for his many years of awesome service to the community. 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 7th day of June, 2013 by:

Honorable Craig Schmid, Alderman 20th Ward

Honorable Christine Ingrassia, Alderwoman 6th Ward
Honorable Phyllis Young, Alderwoman 7th Ward
Honorable Stephen Conway, Alderman 8th Ward
Honorable Kenneth Ortmann, Alderman 9th Ward
Honorable Alfred Wessels, Alderman 13th Ward
Honorable Carol Howard, Alderwoman 14th Ward
Honorable Jennifer Florida, Alderwoman 15th Ward

Adopted this the 7th day of June, 2013 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen