

Resolution Number 108
SUSAN VAN-REES

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that SUSAN VAN-REES will soon be retiring after over 36 years with Missouri Department of Corrections, Division of Probation and Parole; and

WHEREAS, SUSAN VAN-REES began her career at the Hillsboro office in November 1973, transferred to District 7S (South City) in 1976, was promoted to Probation Officer II and transferred to District 8C (Mid County) in 1980, in 1985 she was promoted to Unit Supervisor at District 7N (North City), from 1988 to 1991 she served in private sector social service agencies, she returned to the Probation & Parole Office in North St. Louis City in 1991 as a Probation Officer, was promoted to Unit Supervisor in St. Charles in 1993, transferred to the Eastern Region in the Halfway House Unit, and finally was promoted to District Administrator in South City where she has served until her retirement; and

WHEREAS, SUSAN VAN-REES is a graduate of Corpus Christi High School, graduated with a Bachelors degree in Education from Southeast Missouri State University in 1973, and has a Masters Degree from Webster University; and

WHEREAS, SUSAN VAN-REES is the middle child of 5 boys and 2 girls and is the mother of Beth, who was born during the massive thunder blizzard of January 1982, coming home in a 4 X 4 that her husband Ron (deceased) borrowed to bring them home from Deaconess Hospital; and

WHEREAS, SUSAN VAN-REES is the Substance Abuse subject matter expert for Probation & Parole in the entire State of Missouri, is a motivational interviewing trainer, has trained thousands of employees, and recently was recognized for over 34 years of training; and

WHEREAS, SUSAN VAN-REES was recognized as State employee of the month in September 2011; and

WHEREAS, SUSAN VAN-REES, having completed a distinguished career at Probation and Parole, can now pursue another even greater passion -- CARDINAL BASEBALL, attending more home games in her season ticket spot, and going to more away games in cities like Milwaukee, Pittsburgh, and Cincinnati, bringing luck to the Cardinals in their pursuit of another World Series victory.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate SUSAN VAN REES for over 36 years of service with the Missouri Department of Corrections, Division of Probation and Parole. We wish her much happiness in her retirement and encourage her to remember to take her life size cut out of Mark McGwire with her when she leaves her office. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to further 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 22nd day of August, 2013 by:

Honorable Craig Schmid, Alderman 20th Ward
Honorable Kenneth Ortmann, Alderman 9th Ward

Adopted this the 22nd day of August, 2013, as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen