

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 125**

**The Banahan family**

**WHEREAS**, the Banahan family, Mike, GERALYN, Kelly, Kerry and Maggie, is being honored for their dedicated and exemplary service and leadership to their neighborhood of St. Louis Hills and the City of St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1991, Mike and GERALYN, working with a small group of community leaders, began planning for a small 5k run with the objective of raising funds for the upkeep and beautification of Francis Park. Despite the early naysayers, the event was a success and enthusiastically accepted in St. Louis Hills; and

**WHEREAS**, over the years, the Banahan family added three more run volunteers, their children, Kelly, Kerry and Maggie. The entire family has devoted countless hours and great talent to building the Run for the Hills to the successful event it is today. They have volunteered in every role needed for the execution of the event which includes attracting event sponsors, setting up street barricades, working the finish line, organizing and distributing run packets and t-shirts, course set-up and lining up the volunteers; and

**WHEREAS**, during the 20 years that Mike and GERALYN have led Run for the Hills, over \$200,000 of improvements have been made to Francis and Willmore Parks and thousands of athletes have discovered a true gem in the city- St. Louis Hills. Because of their hard work and help from many volunteers, people are able to enjoy the many amenities of the neighborhood parks. The projects fully or partially funded by the Run for the Hills include new trees, plants, and flowers planted annually, beautiful gardens on the corners and interior of the park, new playground equipment, repairs to the lily pond and the gorgeous lily pond plants, renovations to the handball and racquetball courts, new sidewalks, tuck pointing the steps and bridges in the creek area and adding a part time summer worker at the park. We are thankful to Mike's and GERALYN's vision and dedication over the years which has kept the neighborhood park the beautiful place it was designed to be; and

**WHEREAS**, the Banahans are exceptional members of this community whose service to the residents of the St. Louis Hills neighborhood and to all of the citizens of this city is greatly appreciated.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the Banahan family for their dedication and contributions throughout their community, and we express our best wishes to them for continued success in their future endeavors and we 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 honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 14th day of September, 2012 by:

**Honorable Donna Baringer, Alderwoman 16th Ward**

Adopted this the 14th day of September, 2012 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen