

RESOLUTION NUMBER 135
The 9th annual Fuzzball with the Fuzz Benefit Tournament

WHEREAS, On October 7, 2012, Brian Rossomanno and fellow members of the St. Louis Police Department will be hosting the 9th annual Fuzzball with the Fuzz benefit tournament. For those of you not familiar with fuzzball, it is a south city past time very similar to cork ball. It is played with a cork ball bat and tennis balls; and

WHEREAS, each year this tournament benefits a different person or family in need, or an organization committed to a worthy cause and each year the event has grown. The previous eight "Fuzzball with the Fuzz" tournaments have raised a total of more than \$60,000 for various beneficiaries which have included injured officers, the families of officers killed in the line of duty and as the result of off-duty accidents, ill officers and their family members, members of the community and United States Marines injured in combat overseas; and

WHEREAS, this year we selected one of their own. Sgt. Rick Lingard was shot several times during a burglary in progress at his home on March 22 of this year. Sgt. Lingard continues to work very hard to return to duty. He has been without the ability to work secondary to help provide for his family for an extended period of time. This along with mounting co-pays and his wife being forced to cut back on her work to assist in his recovery has resulted in a growing need for assistance. Sgt. Lingard is very hesitant to ask, but fortunately, he doesn't have to; and

WHEREAS, This year's event will be held at Woerner School at 6131 Leona on Sunday, October 7th, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

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 many contributions of the 9th Annual Fuzzball with the Fuzz Benefit Tournament to the City of St. Louis 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 28th day of September, 2012 by:

Honorable Larry Arnowitz, Alderman 12th Ward

Adopted this the 28th day of September, 2012 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen