

Resolution Number 153

Charles “Carl” Frienza

WHEREAS, Charles “Carl” Frienza was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on June 29, 1922, and grew up in the Kerry Patch neighborhood; at age 92, he is still a long standing resident of the Fabulous 5th Ward in St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, Charles “Carl” Frienza served in the United States Army during World War II, and for 339 days he distinguished himself, his unit, and his country fighting at Omaha Beach as an original “Spearhead”, landing on the 6th of June, 1944, at St. Laurent-sur-Mer under heavy artillery fire. His unit advanced onto Cherbourg, the Normandy Bocage, Aachen, Ardennes Forest, The Bulge and the invasion of Germany. As a Machine Gunner, he survived injury and was credited with the downing of a Messerschmitt ME-109; and

WHEREAS, Charles “Carl” Frienza was awarded five Bronze Service Stars, a World War II Victory Medal with Bronze Arrowhead, various theater ribbons, and Good Conduct recognition by the United States; he was also awarded a Croix de guerre with Silver Star and Fourragere by The French Republic as well as the Jubilee of Liberty Medal given by the Citizens of the Normandy Region; and

WHEREAS, Charles “Carl” Frienza displayed fearless fighting instincts and heroic soldierly qualities during the most crucial battles his unit faced during World War II, reflecting a high degree of personal courage as well as technical and tactical skills; and

WHEREAS, we further acknowledge Charles “Carl” Frienza upon receiving the Knight of the Legion of Honor medal, created by Napoleon, it is the highest honor France can bestow upon those who have done remarkable deeds for their country; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of Veterans Day, the St. Louis Board of Aldermen wish to acknowledge and thank Charles “Carl” Frienza for his bravery and military service as we join with the people of France to recognize his membership as a Knight of the Legion of Honor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize, thank, and honor Charles “Carl” Frienza on the occasion of his years of service to United States of America and we wish him continued peace, good health, and happiness. 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 this on November 8th, 2013 by:

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen

Adopted this 8th day of November, 2013 as attested by

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen