

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 155**  
**IN MEMORY OF THE LIVES OF HARRY & SANDY BENNETT**

**WHEREAS, SANDRA JOAN** (nee Hasser) **BENNETT** was born on August 22, 1940 as the first child of 5 girls and 2 boys born to Carol & George Hasser; and

**WHEREAS, HARRY JOHN BENNETT** was born on May 11, 1939 as the first of three children born to Harry & Helen Bennett: and

**WHEREAS, HARRY BENNETT** graduated from St. Andrew's Grade School, Bishop DuBourg High School, and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. **SANDRA BENNETT** graduated from St. Anthony of Padua Grade School, Bishop DuBourg High School, and Webster University (summa cum laude); and

**WHEREAS, HARRY & SANDY BENNETT** became high school sweethearts and were married on May 5, 1962, enjoying 50 years of wedded bliss; their families affectionately called them "Team Harry & Sandy"; and

**WHEREAS, SANDY** worked at General Electric, St. Louis Board of Aldermen, Legislative Aid to U.S. Congressman Dick Gephardt; and as a script writer for a local Emmy award winning cable TV program. She had an intense love for learning new things, which translated into countless hours of research (reading and writing about such things as genealogy, history and family recipes); and "never met a book she didn't want to read"; and

**WHEREAS, HARRY** worked as an entrepreneur, realtor, small business owner and commercial district manager for St. Louis Development Corporation (SLDC)(serving wards 9, 11, 20 and 25 at Cherokee Station, Cherokee-Lemp, Chippewa-Broadway, Carondelet, and Dutchtown's DT2), and served in the Missouri National Guard. He had an incredible work ethic; believed there was a solution to every problem with persistence; "never met a stranger"; was always looking for a way to help people; and dedicated years of service to the Lindenwood Park Neighborhood Association, including as president; and

**WHEREAS, SANDY & HARRY BENNETT** raised three boys: Matthew, Mark & Michael, in their home on Oleatha in the Lindenwood Park Neighborhood, treasuring their 5 grandchildren, Zachary, Christopher, Amalie, Sami and Sam; and

**WHEREAS, SANDRA BENNETT** died on September 22, 2012 and **HARRY BENNETT** died less than a year later on August 31, 2013; and

**WHEREAS, both HARRY and SANDY** had a profound commitment to community and service, and left the world a better place than they found it.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the contributions of Sandy & Harry Bennett to family, community, and country and for lives well lived. We further direct the Clerk of the Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of the proceedings and further to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to the Bennett family at a time deemed appropriate by the sponsors.

Introduced on the 8th day of November 2013 by:

**Honorable Craig Schmid, Alderman Ward 20**  
Honorable Kenneth Ortmann, Alderman Ward 9  
Honorable Thomas Villa, Alderman Ward 11  
Honorable Shane Cohn, Alderman Ward 25

Adopted this the 8th day of November, 2013 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