

RESOLUTION NUMBER 159
Sergeant First Class Alison Gonzalez

WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Alison Gonzalez was born in Atlantic Highlands, NJ. She enlisted in the Army Reserve on October 1, 1985 at the age of 23; and

WHEREAS, she went to basic training and attended Advanced Individual Training at Fort Jackson, SC. After her training was completed, she was assigned to her first unit in Sacramento, CA. where she spent two years doing training in food service and hospital food service; and

WHEREAS, she then enlisted into the regular Army in 1987 and was assigned to Fort Polk, LA. Spending three years working food service operations. She came off of Active Duty and entered the Individual Ready Reserve in 1990. Sergeant First Class Gonzalez then reentered the United States Army Reserve in 1995 with her duty station in Artesia, NM as a Tactical Water Distribution Systems Operator Specialist being part of the first unit in JRTC History ever to become fully operational; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, she was called up for Recruiting Duty assigned to the Phoenix Recruiting Command, stationed in Las Cruces, NM taking part in ensuring the strength of the Army Reserve, being awarded top producing USAR recruiter within her company. She dedicated countless hours mentoring high school students on the importance of staying off drugs and staying in school; and

WHEREAS, in 2001 she was transferred to the Army Reserve Careers Division as a Retention NCO, serving as an Assistant Operations NCO, Special Missions NCO, Army Reserve Career Counselor, OIP Compliance NCO, Fleet, Manager, Funds Manager, Medical Readiness Coordinator and deploying for a year in 2010 in support of Operation Iraqi and Enduring Freedom and Operation New Dawn supporting a team of 13 Army Reserve Career Counselors in Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait; and

WHEREAS, over her career she attended numerous Military schools including Basic Leaders Course, Combat Lifesavers Course, Equal Employment Opportunity, Behavior Course, Employee Support Guard and Reserve. She is now attached to 9th BN Army Reserve Career Division in Saint Louis MO assigned as a Retention NCO; and

WHEREAS, she plans to continue her career in the Army, until retirement. She currently resides in O'Fallon with her husband Mike Gonzalez.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Sergeant First Class Alison Gonzalez for her many achievements and accomplishments and thank her for her service and dedication 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 8th day of November, 2013 by:

Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward

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

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen