

**Resolution Number 180**  
**Honorable Judge Michael Calvin**

**WHEREAS**, we pause to express our sadness and offer condolences to the family of long-time judge, the Honorable Michael Calvin; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael Byron Calvin was born February 16, 1951, in Nashville, Tennessee, the oldest of Lincoln Byron Calvin Sr. and Thelma Vashti Satterwhite's three children. His father was a pediatric psychiatrist and his mother was a special education teacher. The family moved to St. Louis when he was 2, and he grew up on the city's north side near Natural Bridge Road and Kingshighway; and

**WHEREAS**, he graduated from Beaumont High School in 1968, and throughout the years, he volunteered with the school's truancy program. In 1972, he graduated from Monmouth College in Illinois with a Bachelor of Arts in history and government. He earned his law degree from Saint Louis University School of Law in 1975; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Calvin received the Mound City Bar Association Distinguished Legal Service Award and was honored by the National College of State Judiciary and the Missouri Judicial College. He was assigned to the Supreme Court of Missouri three times and served as the attorney for the St. Louis Board of Election Commissioners for three years; and

**WHEREAS**, after he left the bench in 2008, he was of counsel with Spencer Fane Britt & Browne, where he had a focus on mediation and arbitration. He also was a member of the 22nd Circuit Judicial Commission, which selects nominees to send to the governor for city court bench vacancies; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the inveterate chess player's best moves came when he met Vanessa Gardner at one of his favorite places: a golf course. She was grateful when he offered to advise her about a recent speeding ticket. Not coincidentally, the information she shared also enabled him to contact her later for a date. They were married in 1987; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to his wife and daughter, the man who after 5 p.m. insisted upon being called just plain 'Mike' (that's 'Uncle Mike' for family) is survived by two sons, Michael (Leila) Calvin and Justin Calvin, both of Florissant; a brother, Lincoln (Karynn) Calvin and a sister Robin (Kyle) Rutlin, both of St. Louis.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the Honorable Judge Michael Calvin and offer our condolences at his passing. 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 memorial copy for presentation to the family of Honorable Judge Michael Calvin at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 5th day of December, 2014 by:

**Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen**

Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014 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