

**Resolution Number 275**  
**Tom Cunningham**

**WHEREAS**, Tom Cunningham was raised in South St. Louis on Virginia Avenue and Haven Street. He attended Blow Elementary School, located on the corner of Michigan Avenue and Mott Street; and

**WHEREAS**, after graduating from Cleveland High School, he was drafted into the Army and served in the Vietnam War with the 196<sup>th</sup> Infantry and was assigned to Delta Company. His parents also served in the military. His mother was an Army Nurse and his father served in WWII.

**WHEREAS**, he was awarded three Bronze Stars and a Presidential Citation for his meritorious service; and

**WHEREAS**, Tom now suffers from Degenerative Bone Disease and has had several heart attacks. He has been through significant difficulties in living with this horrendous disease, including losing his home. So, it is no surprise that there will be a fundraiser held in his honor to assist Tom with some of life's challenges.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Tom Cunningham and we 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 17th day of April, 2015 by:

**Honorable Larry Arnowitz, Alderman 12th Ward**

Adopted this the 17th day of April, 2015 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