

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 330**

**Josh Beeks**

**WHEREAS**, Josh Beeks after 23 years is retiring from St. Louis City Recreation Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Josh Beeks is a valued employee of City of St. Louis Recreation Department which is a division of the Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry; and

**WHEREAS**, Josh as Center Director of Gamble Center he initiated new levels of participation by starting a bus driver's basketball league; and

**WHEREAS**, it was a unique concept for bus drivers to have a basketball league during their down time after dropping children off and before picking them back up; and

**WHEREAS**, Josh was known for his timeliness, leadership and attention to detail; and

**WHEREAS**, Southside Wellness water exercise program was enthusiastically supported by Mr. Beeks and will miss him greatly; and

**WHEREAS**, Josh moved up the Recreation ladder to become Recreation Area Manager and then Director of the Aquatics Program for the City of St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Aquatics Program was strengthened, streamlined and upgraded; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Beeks insisted on excellence in every area, including lifeguard training, staff attitude, punctuality and customer satisfaction; and

**WHEREAS**, Josh was also Center Director for the Tandy Recreation center, which flourished under his leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, Josh brought his personal passion for tennis to City Recreation where he wrote the first grant that was funded by the United States Tennis Association (USTA); and

**WHEREAS**, he staffed the first Aquatics team competition between centers and he started the first Summer Olympic Games; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Josh Beeks for his many contributions 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 16th day of March, 2012 by:

**Honorable Kacie Starr Triplett, Alderwoman 6th Ward**

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

Adopted this the 16th day of March, 2012 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

