

RESOLUTION NUMBER 334

Larry Kristoff

WHEREAS, Larry Kristoff has been elected as a Distinguished Member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum; and

WHEREAS, Larry is a five-time World medalist and two-time Olympian. Larry was one of the greatest heavyweight wrestlers in American history, with dominant performances on national and international levels; and

WHEREAS, he won five World medals for the United States, capturing silver medals in 1966, 1969, 1979 and bronze medals in 1965 and 1967; and

WHEREAS, Larry competed on two U. S. Olympic teams, he placed seventh at the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo and fifth at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City; and

WHEREAS, he won a total of 12 Senior-level national titles, winning the AAU Nationals in freestyle six times, the AAU Nationals in Greco-Roman three times and U. S. Wrestling Federation Nationals in freestyle three times; and

WHEREAS, as a college wrestler, Larry was a two-time NCAA Div. II national champion, and placed second in the NCAA Div. National Championships; and

WHEREAS, for 30 years (1969-1999) Larry was the head coach for Div. II powerhouse SIU-Edwardsville. He led the cougars to three consecutive NCAA Div. II national titles (1984-86) and;

WHEREAS, Larry coached 12 wrestlers to a total of 18 NCAA Div. II national titles and his wrestlers became Div. I All-Americans 11 times; and

WHEREAS, Larry and his wife, Doris live in Anna, Illinois. Larry is an associate professor at SIU-E as well as the wrestling coach.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Larry Kristoff for his many contributions and wish him continued success, achievement and accomplishment. 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 Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen

Adopted this the 16th day of March, 2012 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen