

RESOLUTION NUMBER 339

Richard L. Poehling

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that after 40 years of committed service to the Citizens of the City of St. Louis, Richard L. Poehling is retiring; and

WHEREAS, Richard L. Poehling is a lifelong resident of South St. Louis. He graduated from Christian Brothers College High School in 1962; and

WHEREAS, in 1966 he graduated from Saint Louis University with a degree in business. In 1969 he earned his Juris Doctor Degree from Saint Louis University and passed the Missouri bar; and

WHEREAS, he served his country by joining the United States Army in 1969 and was honorably discharged in 1971; and

WHEREAS, he joined the Circuit Attorney's Office for the City of St. Louis on November 5, 1971, where he tried over 80 felony trials and served as Chief Trial Attorney until his resignation on July 1, 1979; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 1979, he became an Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri. He was later promoted to Deputy Criminal Chief and Supervisor of the Violent Crime Unit; and

WHEREAS, Richard, as prosecutor, tried many significant cases during his career, including *United States v. Arthur Lajuane Taylor*, a case which was heard and decided in 1990 by the United States Supreme Court, and the successful prosecution of Glennon E. Engleman in 1981, a dentist who was convicted of 15 counts of mail fraud and conspiracy to commit mail fraud arising out of his scheme to defraud insurers by insuring the life of an individual and then killing him; and

WHEREAS, Richard has been married to Pat, the most loving woman in his life for 34 years and has two wonderful children, Rick and Emily; and

WHEREAS, after retiring, Richard intends to do volunteer work with his wife, Pat, and go fishing; and

WHEREAS, Richard L. Poehling, over the course of his career, has gained the utmost respect from Judges in all Courts throughout the State of Missouri, Judges from the United States Magistrate Court and United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, and Judges from the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. He has also gained the utmost respect from his co-workers, attorneys who practice in the state and federal court system, law enforcement officials throughout the State of Missouri, federal law enforcement agents, and in the opinion of all who know him, is the greatest friend, the best coworker, the most wonderful supervisor, the most devoted spouse and a loving father.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate Richard L. Poehling for 40 years of service to the Citizens of the City of St. Louis and we wish him peace and happiness in his retirement and we direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to further 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 4th day of March, 2011 by:

Honorable Donna Baringer, Alderwoman 16th Ward

Adopted this the 4th day of March, 2011 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen