

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 351**

**Mr. Francis R. Slay**

**WHEREAS**, we pause in our deliberations to note the untimely passing of lifelong St. Louis resident and leader, Francis R. Slay; and

**WHEREAS**, Francis R. Slay was born October 28, 1927 in St. Louis and educated at St. Vincent DePaul School and Christian Brothers College High School. Mr. Slay, at age 18, served our country from 1945-46 in the United States Army; and

**WHEREAS**, Francis R. Slay married the love of his life, Anna May Sobocinski, at St. Francis de Sales Church on October 6, 1951; and

**WHEREAS**, Francis and Ann Slay decided to raise their family in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Ward and on October 20, 1959, purchased their home of now fifty years;

**WHEREAS**, Francis R. Slay was elected Democratic Committeeman for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Ward in 1964 and served for 45 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Francis R. Slay was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives in 1966 and served the citizens of the 64<sup>th</sup> District for two-year terms and was elected Majority Caucus Chairman by his Democratic Party colleagues. Francis R. Slay was elected Recorder of Deeds for the City of St. Louis in 1970 and served two four-year terms; and

**WHEREAS**, Francis R. Slay has been a valued member of the St. Louis business community, including nearly thirty years managing The Cedars; and

**WHEREAS**, among the survivors, in addition to his wife of 59 years and the mayor, are five daughters, Sharon Geralyn Slay of St. Louis, Brenda Geralyn Slay of Houston, Ann Geralyn Slay of Overland, Maria Gerarda Greenwell of Manchester and Monietta Gerarda Slay of St. Louis; five other sons, Gerard Majella Slay, Michael Majella Slay, Raymond Gerard Slay, all of St. Louis, Leo Gerard Slay of Mehlville and Thomas Gerard Slay of Webster Groves; a brother, Marianist Brother Leo Slay of Kirkwood; a sister, Margaret Grana of Crestwood; 17 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.; and

**WHEREAS**, Francis R. Slay was respected across the City, Region and State of Missouri for his political leadership, countless charitable good works and generous spirit, and unflinching good humor.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to remember the many contributions of Mr. Francis R. Slay to the citizens of the City of St. Louis and we join with his many friends in expressing our sorrow at his passing, 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 memorial copy for presentation to the Slay family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced on the 18th day of March, 2011 by:**

**Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23<sup>rd</sup> Ward**

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen  
Honorable Charles Quincy Troupe, Alderman 1<sup>st</sup> Ward  
Honorable Dionne Flowers, Alderwoman 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward  
Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr., Alderman 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward  
Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Honorable April Ford Griffin, Alderwoman 5<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Honorable Kacie Starr Triplett, Alderwoman 6<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Honorable Phyllis Young, Alderwoman 7<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Honorable Stephen J. Conway, Alderman 8<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Honorable Kenneth A. Ortmann, Alderman 9<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Honorable Joseph Vollmer, Alderman 10<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Honorable Matthew Villa, Alderman 11<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Honorable Fred Heitert, Alderman 12<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Honorable Alfred Wessels, Jr., Alderman 13<sup>th</sup> Ward

Honorable Carol Howard, Alderwoman 14<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Honorable Jennifer Florida, Alderwoman 15<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Honorable Donna Baringer, Alderwoman 16<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Honorable Joseph Roddy, Alderman 17<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Honorable Marlene E. Davis, Alderwoman 19<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Honorable Craig Schmid, Alderman 20<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Honorable Antonio D. French, Alderman 21<sup>st</sup> Ward  
Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22<sup>nd</sup> Ward  
Honorable William Waterhouse, Alderman 24<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Honorable Shane Cohn, Alderman 25<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Honorable Gregory J. Carter, Alderman 27<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Honorable Lyda Krewson, Alderwoman 28<sup>th</sup> Ward

**Adopted this the 18th day of March, 2011 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