

RESOLUTION NUMBER 16

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that after many years of dedicated service to the citizens of the City of St. Louis, Rosemarie Storey, Director of the Earnings Tax Department for Collector of Revenue Gregory F.X. Daly, will retire on April 30, 2007; and

WHEREAS, after ensuring that all of her eight children were launched successfully from the nest, Rose reentered the work force in the SSM St. Mary's Health Center billing & collections office; and

WHEREAS, soon thereafter, Missouri Governor Joseph P. Teasdale (upon the recommendation of Rose's husband, Hon. John George Storey, then 28th Ward Democratic Committeeman, and Hon. Brendan Ryan, former 28th Ward Alderman and Circuit Attorney, then Executive Assistant to the Governor, and later long-time Circuit Judge) appointed Rose to the vacant position of Clerk of the St. Louis Court of Criminal Correction, being the only woman and last person to ever hold this elected office; where she earned the nickname, "The White Tornado" for literally and figuratively "cleaning-up" said office; and

WHEREAS, following the major reorganization of the Missouri court system, Rose continued her tenure within the 22nd Circuit Court serving with distinction under Clerks Joseph P. Roddy and Freeman R. Bosley Jr., until she accepted the position of Director of Earnings Tax under then Collector of Revenue Ronald A. Leggett; and

WHEREAS, during her 24 years as the City's Earning Tax Collector, responsible for collecting the largest annual single source of City revenue, Rose earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues in City government and other similar office holders throughout the State of Missouri; and mentored scores of employees with future distinguished careers in government including, but not limited to, State Senator Harry Kennedy; former State Representatives Sherman Parker and Dorothea Davis; Tom Vollmer, Collector of Revenue Chief of Staff; and Norm Sutterer, former Finance Manager for the License Collector and currently Assistant Collector of Revenue for the Earnings Tax Department; and

WHEREAS, Rose was also elected the 28th Ward Democratic Committeewoman serving with Committeemen Chester Hines and then Michael J. Quinn, who dubbed Rose the Ward's "Mother Superior" and who together nominated the sitting Alderman, Lyda Krewson, to stand as the Democratic Candidate for Alderman filling the vacancy left by the resignation of Rose's nephew, Daniel J. McGuire, to become Director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Board acknowledges that, despite all of her public accomplishments partially noted above, this daughter of Irish immigrants is most proud of her role as Sister, Wife, Mother, Aunt, Grandmother, and Great-Grandmother; and we are certain that she is looking forward to a well deserved retirement with her family and her many friends;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate Rosemarie Storey for her many years of service to the citizens of the City of St. Louis and the 28th Ward and we wish her peace and happiness in her 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 27th day of April, 2007 by:

Honorable Lyda Krewson, Alderman 28th Ward

Adopted this the 27th day of April, 2007 as attested: