

RESOLUTION NUMBER 102

WHEREAS, we pause in our deliberations to note the untimely passing of long time St. Louis City employee, John Rataj, on Monday, August 21, 2006; and

WHEREAS, John was born and raised in St. Louis and began his career as a public servant in Human Services from 1972 until 1973. He then worked faithfully at the City Planning Commission which is now known as the Community Development Agency from August 1973 until his untimely death. He served as the Acting Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, John's honesty, hard work and professionalism will be greatly missed by his co-workers and the people of the City of St. Louis who he so faithfully served; and

WHEREAS, John graduated from St. Louis University in 1971, where he received his Master's Degree, and

WHEREAS, John , will be greatly missed by his wife, Jennifer; his sons, William, Stephen, and Daniel and his grandson Caleb and his countless friends and admirers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that, on behalf of the St. Louis community, we pause to remember the many contributions of John Rataj 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 Rataj family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 1st day of September, 2006 by:

Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr. , Alderman 3rd Ward

Adopted this the 15th day of September 2006 as attested by:

*Patrick J. Connaghan
Clerk, Board of Aldermen*

*James F. Shrewsbury
President, Board of Aldermen*