

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 11**  
**Vance "Dave" Drake**

**WHEREAS**, we are delighted to pause and adopt this commemorative resolution which expresses our congratulations to our honoree Vance "Dave" Drake who has been elected American Legionnaire of 2009, Districts 11 and 12; and

**WHEREAS**, Dave is a Navy veteran having served in the Republic of Vietnam from 1963 to 1966 as a Gunner Mate-3 Class on the USS Goldsborough; and

**WHEREAS**, after leaving the Navy, Dave joined the American Legion and has been a member for 33 years serving as Commander 6 times, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander twice, Finance Officer, Sergeant at Arms, Historian and Top Gun Recruiter 3 times; and

**WHEREAS**, Dave is also active in other veterans organization including the 40 et 8, VFW, Vietnam Veterans, and the Past Commanders Club; and

**WHEREAS**, Dave is a tireless worker at South St. Louis Memorial American Legion Post 37.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate Vance "Dave" Drake for his 33 years of service in the American Legion and his recognition as 2009 American Legionnaire of the Year in Districts 11 and 12; we direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution over the permanent rolls of the Board and to further prepare a memorial copy of this resolution so that it may be presented to our honoree as deemed appropriate by the Resolution's sponsor.

Introduced on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009 by:

**Honorable Alfred Wessels, Jr., Alderman 13<sup>th</sup> Ward**

Adopted this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009 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