

**RESOLUTION NO. 135  
ZELJKO KOMSIC**

**WHEREAS, Zeljko Komsic, is a distinguished guest of the City of St. Louis and is the 5<sup>th</sup> Croat member of the Bosnian-Herzegovinian Presidency Incumbent who assumed office on November 6, 2006 after receiving 41% at the general election; and**

**WHEREAS, Zeljko Komsic was educated at the University of Sarajevo and later the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. He is a lawyer by profession; and**

**WHEREAS, President Komsic served in the Army of the Republic of Bosnia- Herzegovina during the Bosnian war and received the Golden Lilly—the highest military decoration awarded by the Bosnian government; and**

**WHEREAS, President Komsic was named the ambassador to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in Belgrade in 1998 when the coalition “Alliance for Democratic Change” came to power; and**

**WHEREAS, President Komsic, after the war, embarked on a political career as a member of the Social Democratic Party of Bosnia-Herzegovina. He was a councilman of the municipality of Novo Sarajevo and in the city council of Sarajevo before being elected the head of the municipal government of Novo Sarajevo in 2000. He then served as the deputy mayor of Sarajevo for two years; and**

**WHEREAS, President Komsic is to be commended for urging the BiH citizens to support his efforts and assurance that their country must be democratic, civilized and prosperous, the country of rule of law and tolerance, the country in which nobody will be discriminated against, in which all will be equitable and equal. President Komsic pledges to act in accordance with the constitutional authorities against social injustices, crime and corruption, and all forms of abuse of power. He considers all citizens equal and pledged to perform his duties with integrity; and**

**WHEREAS, President Komsic comes from a religious background, is married and has one child; and**

**WHEREAS, St. Louis constitutes the largest Bosnian community in the United States and President Komsic and his wife, Sabina will be attending the fourth annual Bosnian heritage festival in Carondelet Park on Sunday, September 2, 2007.**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, meeting in regular session, that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor our distinguished guest The Honorable Zeljko Komsic, President of Bosnia-Herzegovina, and we further direct the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of this proceeding and to 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 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2007 by:  
Honorable Stephen Gregali, Alderman 14<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Adopted this the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2007 as attested by:**

