

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 14**  
**Retired Corporal Mel Stein**

**WHEREAS**, April 24, 2008 is the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the renowned Southwest Bank Robbery; and

**WHEREAS**, the quick response, and decisive actions of Corporal Mel Stein(Retired), along with the meritorious bravery he showed while taking fire from the armed bank robbers, led to the capture of several desperate career criminals; and

**WHEREAS**, Corporal Stein utilized his Marine Corps training, having experienced combat situations, pre World War II as a Marine based in China and long tours of duty in the Pacific Theatre of World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, Corporal Stein is the oldest living Marine Gunnery Sergeant in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Corporal Stein is the lone remaining member of the St Louis Police Metropolitan Department who was present at the great St Louis Bank Robbery, having retired in 1973 after faithfully serving the citizens of St Louis for 33 years, described by his peers as a fair, honest, and dedicated police professional; and

**WHEREAS**, Corporal Stein conducted himself as true professional, man of integrity, and considered a true American Hero by the members of the St Louis Metropolitan Police Department.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to thank and recognize Retired Corporal Mel Stein for his long and productive service to the City of St. Louis and the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. We express our best wishes to him for good health and happiness on this well known incident 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 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008 by:

Honorable Joseph Vollmer, Alderman 10<sup>th</sup> Ward

Adopted this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008 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