

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 155**

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that Sergeant Carmelo J. Desemone DSN 0405 is retiring from the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department after 34 years of dedicated service; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the term of his distinguished career, Sergeant Desemone served as a Police Cadet in the Communication Division and Recruit in Training from 1974-1976. Upon graduating from the Police Academy, he served in the Mobile Reserve Unit and the following districts, Second, Fifth, and Fourth. He was also assigned to the Special Assignments Division where he proudly wore Badge # 717. In 1991 he was promoted to Sergeant and served in the Chief's Office, Operational Planning, the Fourth, Ninth, and finally retiring from the First District with Badge # 217; and

**WHEREAS**, for many years, Sergeant Desemone was assigned to parades and civic events, and he protected many elected officials including Heads of State while assigned to details for the City of St. Louis. Sergeant Desemone built relationships between the Police Department and many important Saint Louis businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant Desemone continued his education while a patrolman and Sergeant, earning an Bachelors Degree from Webster University in 1992 in Administrative Management and Management /Accounting; and

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant Desemone, while serving the St Louis Metropolitan Police Department, was proficient in providing advanced technical computer skills while assigned to the several units creating and implementing templates which are still in use today. He also was very proficient with his department issued .38 caliber service revolver and later the semi-automatic 9mm pistol. Academy Firearm records indicate that he never scored less than a perfect score of 300 since the implementation of compiling records; and

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant Desemone and his son, Adam, and daughter, Victoria, as well as his grandchildren, Jessica, Julianna, and Josephine can now rest knowing their father and grandfather will no longer have to work long hours and toil for the City of St Louis, and the citizens can be proud that a fine father, grandfather, and Police Officer/Sergeant has served them well for the last thirty-four years.

**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 Sergeant Carmelo J. Desemone 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 in his well-deserved retirement 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 8th day of September, 2008 by:

Honorable Dorothy Kirner, Alderwoman 25<sup>th</sup> Ward

Adopted this the 8th day of September, 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