

RESOLUTION NUMBER 186

Eldon F. Arteaga

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that Eldon F. Arteaga has won the Public Communications-Certificate of Merit which will be presented on November 10, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Arteaga has volunteered much of his time to work with the Gateway Arch and provide presentations to local civic groups, patrons of several area library branches and schools. These presentations feature his photography and explicit details about the Gateway Arch project. The photography and his details offer the young and old the opportunity to not only hear, but also see the historical story details about this project and how it changed St. Louis forever; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Arteaga has chronicled the construction of St. Louis' greatest architectural and construction achievement, the Gateway Arch, and had overcome his fear of heights to make a permanent record of the Arch's construction for future generations to appreciate. As he visited construction sites, he always captured the dignity and ingenuity of the men and women working in the noise and grit to build the structures where citizens would work, play, heal, worship, learn and live. He always has a smile to share and happiness to leave behind, oftentimes giving others a unique photo, an Arteaga book on construction of the Arch, a poster or a memorable story. In each instance, Mr. Arteaga has been a living example of respecting the rights, beliefs and gifts of others while also freely giving sympathy, understanding and help; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Arteaga has always demonstrated a great appreciation for our cultural diversity. He has shared his appreciation of his own Spanish ancestry while expressing great interest in the heritage of others, making him a welcome member of any gathering; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Arteaga is a devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend. He has welcomed and helped his children when life has thrown curve balls and had a hand in raising some of his grandchildren as circumstances asked of him. He certainly excels in doing his best to meet his own and his families' needs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate Eldon F. Arteaga for his accomplishment and we wish him continued success and direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to further 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 17th day of October, 2008 by:

Honorable Stephen M. Gregali, 14th Ward

Adopted this 17th day of October, 2008 as attested:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen