

RESOLUTION NUMBER 232
PFC JUSTIN W. GADELL

WHEREAS, we have been recently apprised that one of our City's sons, serving our Country in the United States Army was wounded during a battle in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, PFC Justin W. Gadell of the 173rd Airborne Combat Team, Task Force Saber was on patrol when his squad suddenly fell under attack by small arms, machine gun fire, rocket propelled grenades and other weapons of war; and

WHEREAS, during the ten hour firefight that Task Force Saber ensued, PFC Gadell was seriously wounded in the leg when he was shot by an AK-47 assault rifle, 14 other Task Force members were seriously wounded and 3 others were unfortunately mortally wounded; and

WHEREAS, although wounded and out numbered 10 to 1 by the enemy, PFC Gadell and his brothers-in-arms continued to battle bravely and with great heroism; and

WHEREAS, PFC Gadell was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, and has been nominated for the Bronze Star Medal for his exceptional act of bravery under fire; and

WHEREAS, PFC Gadell's parents; James and Patricia, his brothers; Tyson, Jacob and Joshua are now at ease knowing that Justin is at home and out of harms way recovering at Fort Leonard Wood Hospital.

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* by the Board of Alderman of the City of St. Louis, that recognition be bestowed upon PFC Justin W. Gadell by this Honorable Board for his exemplary service in the United States Army, for his bravery and dedication in the heat of battle, for God and Country, and we pause in our deliberations to consider and adopt this Resolution and 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 sponsors.**

Introduced on the 8th day of November, 2007 by:

**Honorable Stephen M. Gregali , Alderman 14th Ward
Honorable William Waterhouse , Alderman 24th Ward**

Adopted this the 8th day of November, 2007 as attested by:

**Denise Watson-Wesley Coleman
Clerk, Board of Aldermen**

**Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen**