

RESOLUTION NUMBER 233

Chuck Decker

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that Chuck Decker will be retiring after 28 years as an Iron Worker; and

WHEREAS, Chuck was accepted for Apprenticeship in 1970 and worked in the field for 28 years as an apprentice, Journeyman, Union Steward, Foreman, General Foreman and Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, Chuck has previously held the elected positions of Local Union Trustee, one term; Executive Board Member, two terms; Vice President, two terms; President/Business Agent, three terms; and Delegate to the International Convention, on three occasions; and

WHEREAS, Chuck married Nancy Spinelli in 1971 and has two children, Phil, an Iron Worker for 15 years and executive Board Member of 396 and Ellen, the first Decker to graduate from college; and

WHEREAS, Chuck is the proud grandfather of two beautiful grandchildren, Charlize and Willa; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Alderman is happy to learn of Chuck's retirement—so he no longer has influence and we can finally speak honestly about him without fear of retribution; and

WHEREAS, Chuck's life and career is a remarkable, given his lack of talent and bad personality; and

WHEREAS, regarding his talent, consider that it took Chuck three attempts to find a high school that would graduate him, and his work as an ironworker was so bad the membership of 396 elected him to office in order to stop him from destroying the reputation of the quality of their work; and

WHEREAS, regarding his personality, let's just say Chuck is a hard person to be around. Consider how several restaurants requested that Chuck not return after complaints from other patrons who were in viewing distance of Chuck devouring a meal; and

WHEREAS, some people thought that Chuck was always the last to leave the party, when in reality, when Chuck got to the party it was over—everyone would leave; and

WHEREAS, perhaps the most remarkable thing about Chuck's career is that he reached retirement age, given that his driving is so bad no other officer of 396 will ride with him out of fear of leaving their children as orphans; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen want to express their appreciation to the members of Local 396 for providing employment to Chuck these last 28 years as we are sure that Chuck could not have found work anywhere else.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberation to recognize the many achievements of Chuck Decker in his 28 year career as an Iron Worker and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread 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 7th day of November, 2008 by:

Honorable Joseph Roddy, Alderman 17th Ward

Adopted this the 7th day of November, 2008 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

