

RESOLUTION NUMBER 236

Francis R. Slay

WHEREAS, Francis R. Slay was born October 28, 1927 in St. Louis and educated at St. Vincent DePaul School and Christian Brothers College High School; and

WHEREAS, Francis R. Slay, at age 18, served our country from 1945-46 in the United States Army;

WHEREAS, Francis R. Slay married the love of his life, Anna May Sobocinski, at St. Francis de Sales Church on October 6, 1951; and

WHEREAS, Francis and Ann Slay decided to raise their family in the 23rd Ward and on October 20, 1959, purchased their home of now fifty years;

WHEREAS, Francis R. Slay was elected Democratic Committeeman for the 23rd Ward in 1964 and served for 45 years; and

WHEREAS, Francis R. Slay was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives in 1966 and served the citizens of the 64th Districts for two-year terms and was elected Majority Caucus Chairman by his Democratic Party colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Francis R. Slay was elected Recorder of Deeds for the City of St. Louis in 1970 and served two four-year terms; and

WHEREAS, Francis R. Slay has been a valued member of the St. Louis business community, including nearly thirty years managing The Cedars; and

WHEREAS, Francis and Ann Slay have been blessed with eleven children, seventeen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Francis R. Slay is respected across the City, Region and State of Missouri for his political leadership, countless charitable good works and generous spirit, and unfailing good humor; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis had decided to honor Francis R. Slay by renaming Ellendale and Arsenal Park after him, the same park his children and softball teams sponsored by Slay's Restaurant played in.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor the retirement of Francis R. Slay and thank him for his service to City of St. Louis and wish him a restful 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 4th day of December, 2009 by:

Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23rd Ward

Adopted this the 4th day of December, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

