

RESOLUTION NUMBER 289

Carlos Rucker

WHEREAS, in the late afternoon of Wednesday, September 15, 2010, a five year old autistic boy crawled through a locked third floor window at 3404 Chippewa to a ledge; and

WHEREAS, at the time the child crawled on the ledge, a neighbor, Carlos Rucker, was talking with someone on the sidewalk below, as a woman yelled from a passing car about the child on the ledge; and

WHEREAS, Carlos Rucker took charge of the situation, called other people away, because "it doesn't take five people to catch a child," and caught the five year old boy as he was plummeting to the ground below. Carlos sustained a cut on his forehead in the process that required stitches; and

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2010, one little boy in the Dutchtown neighborhood had a guardian angel, whose name is Carlos Rucker.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to thank Carlos Rucker for his heroic act of being a good neighbor, who saved a boy from death or serious injury. We direct the Clerk of the Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the Minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to be presented to the honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced on the 14th day of January, 2011 by:

Honorable Craig Schmid, Alderman 20th Ward

Adopted this the 14th day of January, 2011 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen