

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 333**  
**JAMES A. HATHMAN**

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that on Saturday February 9, 2008 James A. Hathman will be recognized for his 47 years as an Ironworker; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim is a third generation Ironworker, initiated on July 1, 1961, who by his less than regular attendance at work, his not so good safety record and his generally low productivity rate, quickly developed a reputation as an Ironworker whose talents might better be suited to holding elective office than working on the iron, so it was no surprise that in 1969 he was elected to the executive board and has since remained an elected officer of the union including the positions of Business Agent, Business Manager, and General Organizer and President of the Iron Workers District Council of St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim's management style made him a legend among his fellow elected office holders, it can be summarized by taking credit for their work while hanging around Zia's, Biggies, or one of St. Louis' other fine drinking establishments; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim is widely credited for personally creating the most union man hours of any union official in St. Louis history, unfortunately these were not ironworker hours, but were for the beer bottlers and brewers union; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2000 Jim was selected as Port Council's Labor Man of the Year, a surprise to everyone, as this honor is usually bestowed on men of great accomplishment; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim during retirement, plans to pursue his volunteer work in boxing, wherefore it was in the ring that he earned so much distinction for the large number of punches he blocked with his face, and the impact those punches have had on his cognitive abilities.

**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 achievement of Jim Hathman in his 47 year career as an Ironworker and particularly for his sense of humor that he shared with those whom he worked and the loyalty he showed to those who contributed to his success, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008 by:

Honorable Joseph Roddy, Alderman 17th Ward

Adopted this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen

