

RESOLUTION NUMBER 341

WHEREAS, we pause in our deliberations to recognize the many accomplishments of Lambert St. Louis International Airport Fire Chief Raymond Henderson, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Chief Henderson was hired by the St. Louis Fire Department on December 17, 1967 and his class consisted of 10 recruits, including Chief Sherman George; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from the Fire Academy in January of 1968, Chief Henderson was assigned as a firefighter in the 1st district. Just as he began to gain knowledge as a firefighter, he was assigned to the Arson Squad, and to better himself in this position, he attended Forest Park Community College and became certified as a Fire Investigator; and

WHEREAS, in 1972 Chief Henderson was a plain clothes investigator for undetermined and suspicious fires and worked closely with the St. Louis Police Department, Bomb and Arson Federal Agents and the ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms); and

WHEREAS, from 1980 to 1982, he was assigned to the Fire Marshall's Office, as a Fire Inspector. In July 1982, he was promoted to a Fire Captain as a Company Commander and returned to the 1st district. Months later, he was transferred to Lambert Airport as the Fire Captain. In 1984 he returned to the Fire Marshall's Office as the Assistant Fire Marshall; and

WHEREAS, in December 1987, Chief Henderson was promoted to Battalion Fire Chief and assigned to the 6th District. On February 26, 1992 he was promoted as the Fire Chief at Lambert International Airport; and

WHEREAS, Chief Henderson is the first African-American to hold the position of Fire Chief of Lambert St Louis International Airport; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, a state-of-the-art fire station was built at Lambert Airport and Chief Henderson assisted with the designs; and

WHEREAS, Chief Henderson has 78 people under his direct supervision and is responsible for each person being trained and certified in all phases of their job performance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to recognize the many contributions and dedication of Fire Chief Raymond Henderson, Jr. to the citizens of the City of St. Louis and by adoption of this resolution we thank and congratulate him on his great accomplishments 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 for presentation to the honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 22nd day of February, 2008 by:

Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward
Honorable Charles Quincy Troupe, Alderman, 1st Ward
Honorable Dionne Flowers, Alderwoman 2nd Ward
Honorable Freeman Bosley, Alderman 3rd Ward
Honorable April Ford Griffin, Alderwoman 5th Ward
Honorable Kacie Starr Triplett, Alderwoman 6th Ward
Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward
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Honorable Bennice Jones King, Alderwoman 21st Ward
Honorable Jeffrey Boyd, Alderman, 22nd Ward
Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26th Ward
Honorable Gregory Carter, Alderman 27th Ward

Adopted this the 22nd day of February, 2008 as attested by: