

RESOLUTION NUMBER 69

Detective Michael Venker

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that Detective Michael Venker DSN 0143 is retiring from the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department after 35 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, throughout the term of his distinguished career, Detective Venker served as a Police Cadet starting in December 1973 in the, Police Academy. After graduating from the Police Academy in July 1975, he was assigned to Mobile Reserve Unit until September 1975, then to District Two. In March 1990, he was transferred to the Second District Detective Bureau, later renamed the South Patrol Detective Bureau, until February 2009 where he was reassigned to the First District Detective Bureau until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Detective Venker was assigned many parades and civic events, and he protected many elected officials including Heads of State while assigned to details for the City of St. Louis. Detective Venker also solved many of high profile cases while assigned to various Detective Bureaus matching his wit and guile amongst many of the vile offenders who have committed crimes in our fine city; and

WHEREAS, Detective Venker is a 1972 graduate of CBC high School, where he starred as an outstanding athlete in baseball, was a member of the competition band, and later continued his education at Meramec Community College. Detective Venker is an avid fisherman, golfer, bowler and dedicated in his religious faith; and

WHEREAS, Detective Venker, while serving the St Louis Metropolitan Police Department, was listed as having received three Chiefs Letters of Commendation, receiving the last one in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Detective Venker and his wife Jeanette, daughters Trudy, Tracy, and Tina and granddaughter, Kylie, can now rest knowing their husband, father and grandfather will no longer have to work long hours and toil for the City of St Louis, and the citizens can be proud that a fine Police Officer/Detective has served them well for the last 35 years.

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis extends a sincere thanks to Detective Michael Venker for his long and productive service to the City of St. Louis and the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to thank and recognize Retired Detective Michael Venker for his long and productive service to the City of St. Louis and the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. We express our best wishes to him for good health and happiness on his 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 19th day of June, 2009 by:

Honorable Craig Schmid, Alderman 20th Ward

Honorable Matthew Villa, Alderman 11th Ward

Honorable Fred Heitert, Alderman 12th Ward

Honorable Alfred Wessels, Jr., Alderman 13th Ward

Honorable Stephen Gregali, Alderman 14th Ward

Honorable Jennifer Florida, Alderwoman 15th Ward

Honorable Shane Cohn, Alderman 25th Ward

Adopted this the 19th day of June, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

