

RESOLUTION NUMBER 164

Martin Duggan

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that Martin Duggan has announced his retirement from “Donnybrook”; and

WHEREAS, “The Provocateur”, Martin Duggan has hosted Donnybrook on KETC-TV, Channel 9 since the initial show, January 1987; and

WHEREAS, he has masterfully kept the panelist on topic and has exhibited that civil discourse can be pointed, but polite; and

WHEREAS, “Donnybrook” a one of a kind show that has been duplicated in other cities but never replicated. The overwhelming success of “Donnybrook” spawned “Donnybrook Your Turn”, a viewer call in program; and

WHEREAS, the popularity of “Donnybrook” has helped increase Channel 9’s visibility and fiscal viability; and

WHEREAS, Martin Duggan had a long and distinguished career prior to hosting “Donnybrook” for more than forty years at the St. Louis Globe-Democrat newspaper; and

WHEREAS, Martin Duggan has exerted his influence over St. Louis media, business and politics; and

WHEREAS, in a political landscape dominated by division , invective and ill will, Martin Duggan has managed to remain a revered presence among his friends and those who disagree with him; and

WHEREAS, Martin Duggan will be “blasting off” as the Provocateur of “Donnybrook” in December; and

WHEREAS, he married his bride, Mae in 1942, and they have 5 children, 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grand children.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the contributions and selflessness of Martin Duggan and direct the Clerk of this Board to prepare a commemorative copy of this resolution to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced on the 9th day of October, 2009 by:

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen

Adopted this the 9th day of October, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

