

Resolution Number 171
Susanne F. Valdez

Whereas, we have been apprised that Susanne F. Valdez is a recipient of the George Washington Honor Medal Plaque; and

Whereas, Ms. Valdez served as Director of the St. Louis Federal Executive Board (FEB). In this position she worked with the heads of all federal agencies in the Greater St. Louis area to coordinate cross-agency programs in community service, training, and education. The agency heads who participated in the FEB represented 36,000 employees from every federal agency; and

Whereas, since joining the Fisher House in St. Louis Board, Ms. Valdez has been their most enthusiastic and effective member. With her intimate knowledge of local organizations, businesses, media outlets and individuals, she has been at the forefront in raising almost \$1.8 million towards their goal of \$2.5 million; and

Whereas, a Fisher House is similar to a Ronald McDonald house, except, it is for the families of hospitalized veterans. Veterans' family members may stay in a Fisher House, free of charge, and for as long as their loved one is hospitalized; and

Whereas, Ms. Valdez has contacted businesses, Veterans organizations, clubs, and individuals to tell the Fisher House story. She is a masterful public speaker and her appeals to these groups have generated thousands of dollars in donations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the achievements of Susanne F. Valdez and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to further 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 23rd day of October, 2009 by:

Honorable Stephen M. Gregali, Alderman 14th Ward

Adopted this the 23rd day of October, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen