

RESOLUTION NUMBER 277

Debra A. Carnahan

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that Debra A. Carnahan is retiring from her judgeship position with the St. Louis Municipal Court. She has been the driving force behind the Problem Property Court since she was appointed by the Mayor of the City of St. Louis in 2001. In her position, she implemented and presided over the Court and developed all court policies and procedures. The Problem Property Court has had continued success with over 58,000 cases called before the court, over 9,400 cases complied and over \$1,100,000 in fines paid. With the Problem Property Court as its centerpiece, the Problem Property Program earned the City of St. Louis recognition for "Outstanding Achievement" as a *City Livability Award Winner* by the U.S. Conference of Mayors; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Carnahan received her Bachelor of Arts in History and Government from Columbia College, attended the London Law Consortium at the University of London and received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Missouri-Columbia; and

WHEREAS, she has had an impressive career in various prestigious positions including: Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney Office, Eastern District of Missouri; founding partner of Carnahan & Carnahan, P.C., Attorneys at Law; Assistant Prosecuting Attorney with the Pulaski County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and Assistant Circuit Attorney with the Circuit Attorney's Office, City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Carnahan has been involved in and held leadership positions in numerous organizations including: National Co-Chair, American Association of People with Disabilities Annual Gala Fundraiser and Awards Dinner; Executive Board Member, Planned Parenthood Federation of America; Russ Carnahan for Congress Campaign; Jean Carnahan for U.S. Senate Campaign; Russ Carnahan for State Representative Campaign; FOCUS, Leadership St. Louis, Class of 2000; Missouri Affirmative Action Delegate Selection Committee for the 2000 National Convention; Board of Governors, Missouri Bar Association; Board Member, The Women's Safehouse, St. Louis; Women Lawyers Association of Greater St. Louis; Treasurer and Board Member, Central Ozarks Mental Health Services, Inc.; and served as a Delegate, National Foreign Policy conference cosponsored by the United States Department of State and the American Council of Young Political Leaders, Washington D.C.; and

WHEREAS, she is married to United States Representative Russ Carnahan and has two sons, Austin and Andrew.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize innumerable contributions and successes of Mrs. Debra A. Carnahan and wish her the best of luck in the future 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 9th day of January, 2009 by:

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

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

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

