

RESOLUTION NUMBER 263

Judge Mark H. Neill

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that Judge Mark H. Neill has been named the Irish Person of the Year by the Ancient Order of Hibernians; and

WHEREAS, Judge Mark H. Neill, born in St. Louis on March 21, 1949, is the twin brother of Judge Margaret M. Neill. He is the sixth of nine children born to Thomas Patrick Neill and Agnes Josephine Neill; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from St. Roch Parochial School, St. Louis U. High, and St. Louis University, where he played on the National Championship Club Football Team. He earned his Juris Doctor from the St. Louis U. School of Law in 1974; and

WHEREAS, He was the legal advisor and later the general counsel for the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department from March 17, 1975, until January 5, 1986; and

WHEREAS, he then entered the general practice of law with his brother Joseph V. Neill. He handled a variety of transactional matters and all types of civil, administrative, and criminal defense trial matters in Missouri, in Illinois, and in the federal courts. He served as a civil service hearing officer and labor arbitrator; he presided over and decided more than 250 such cases; and

WHEREAS, in 2002 Governor Bob Holden appointed Neill to the circuit bench in the City of St. Louis. The public has three times voted to retain him as a circuit judge; and

WHEREAS, Judge Neill has been an active member in the Lawyers Association, the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, and International Association of Chiefs of Police. He was a founding member of Gravois Bar Association. Judge Neill served two terms on the Board of Governors of the Missouri Bar. Judge Neill has been honored as the Irishman of the Year by Norwood Hills Country Club and as the Civic Person of the Year by the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He has been chosen for the Systemic Change Award by the Center for Women in Transition; and

WHEREAS, Judge Neill and his wife, Kelly, are the proud parents of adult children Tom, John, Kevin, and Katie, and proud grandparents of Victoria, Declan, and Bridget. They are members of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to honor Judge Mark H. Neill 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 20th day of March, 2015 by:

Honorable Donna Baringer, Alderwoman 16th Ward

Adopted this the 20th day of March, 2015 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen