

RESOLUTION NUMBER 310
Jane “Mitch” Mitchellette Hanneken

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that Jane “Mitch” Mitchellette Hanneken is a recipient of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Award; and

WHEREAS, for over thirty years Mitch has organized the volunteers from Camp Happy Day to man sixteen corners for Old Newsboy’s Day. Also responsible yearly for folding and packaging aprons for mailing. Since 1972, founder, owner, and former executive director of Camp Happy Day, a non-for-profit program for children with Learning Disabilities, Behavior Disorders, Speech and Language Impairments, and Attention Deficit/Hyperactive Disorder. With the exception of the past four years, no salary was ever taken for her involvement/work with Camp Happy Day; and

WHEREAS, she is the co-founder of the St. Louis Council for Children with Learning Disabilities. Currently, Mitach is President of Soroptimist International of St. Louis and former Vice-President/Secretary. Also she was chairperson of various district and region committees; and

WHEREAS, Mitch volunteers to distribute gifts at Christmas, Valentine’s Day and Easter to residents without relatives at Beauvais On The Park Nursing Home. She also volunteers at holiday parties and events at Southside Day Nursery and is a volunteer of the Task Force at the Carondelet YWCA; and

WHEREAS, she is a member of St. Louis Women’s Variety of Club since 1971. She chaired the Phone-A-Thon and Bank-A-Thon committees. Currently, Vice-President of the St. Louis Second District Police Business Association, and former Secretary for the Hampton Business Police Association and Vice-President of the St. Louis Hills Neighborhood Association, and a member of their history committee. Mitch is a founder and President of the Hampton-Chippewa Business Association; and

WHEREAS, Mitch has raised over \$58,200 for Old Newsboy’s Fund, serviced at least 4000 children with special needs through her work with Camp Happy Day and St. Louis Learning Center since 1971 and worked endlessly and tirelessly to secure funds from organizations, corporations, and service clubs to provide funds for scholarships for children whose parents could not afford full tuition to Camp Happy Day; and

WHEREAS, she has received numerous awards which include: 1972 Mo ACLD Pioneer Award, 1980 Woman Variety Club of Achievement, 1982 Helen Manly Award, 1987 Ursuline Academy Distinguished Alumni, 1996 Lutheran Department of Special Education, 1999 Fontbonne University Distinguished Alumni, 1999 Fontbonne University Athletic Hall of Fame, 1999 St. Louis National Charity Horse Show Hall of Fame 2004 Woman of Achievement and 2007 Old Newsboys Day/Suburban Journal Business Edition Golden Plate Award Winner; and

WHEREAS, neighbors call Mitch “The Neighborhood Watchdog and Leader” because she helps keep the neighborhood a safe and desirable environment to live, as well as fund and decorative for each holiday.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate Jane “Mitch” Mitchellette Hannekenon being a recipient of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Award and her many other accomplishments and we wish her continued success and achievement 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 10th day of February, 2011 by:

Honorable Donna Baringer, Alderwoman 16th Ward

Adopted this the 10th day of February, 2011 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen