

RESOLUTION NUMBER 78

WHEREAS, we pause in our deliberations to note the untimely passing of Very Reverend Joseph P. Roelke, M.S.F. on June 28, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Father Roelke was born and raised in St. Louis and entered the Missionaries of the Holy Family in 1965, serving as a religious brother prior to his ordination to the priesthood on August 22, 1981; and

WHEREAS, during his life of service, Father Roelke was assigned as vocation director for the Missionaries of the Holy Family, chaplain for St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf in St. Louis and administrator of parishes in Minnesota, Texas and Illinois; and

WHEREAS, in 1988 Father Roelke was assigned as Pastor of St. Wenceslaus Parish in the City of St. Louis and served in that capacity until 2001 when he was named provincial of the Missionaries of the Holy Family, a position he continued to hold at the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, Father Roelke served on the Board of Directors of St. Alexis Hospital and the Archdiocese Strategic Planning Committee and was the founding President of the Benton Park West Housing Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Father Roelke was an outstanding member of this community whose spiritual leadership, friendship and commitment to the residents of the City of St. Louis and the parish families of St. Wenceslaus will be greatly missed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that on behalf of the St. Louis community we pause to remember the many contributions of the Very Reverend Joseph P. Roelke to the citizens of the City of St. Louis and we join with his many friends in expressing our sorrow at his passing, 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 memorial copy for presentation to the Roelke family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 21st day of July, 2006 by:

Honorable Kenneth Ortman, Alderman 9th Ward

Adopted this the 21st day of July, 2006 as attested by:

Patrick J. Connaghan
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

James F. Shrewsbury
President, Board of Aldermen