

RESOLUTION NUMBER 142

Chris Draft

WHEREAS, we are honored to recognize veteran NFL player, Chris Draft for his dedication and commitment to the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Stanford University graduate Chris Draft established the Chris Draft Family Foundation. The Foundation focuses on seven primary initiatives with overarching themes that stress the importance of education, healthy lifestyles, character development, personal responsibility, self-discipline and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Draft has received numerous community honors and awards which include: 2009 PTA National Ambassador; 2009 JB Award, presented by the NFL Players Association and James Brown of CBS Sports; 2009 Winning with Asthma National Spokesman, partnership with the National Lt. Governor's Association; 2008 AT & T National Sportsmanship Award, celebrating community service and overall commitment to sportsmanship; 2008 JB Award, presented by the NFL Players Association and James Brown of CBS Sports and 2007 NFL Alumni Spirit Award, presented at the Super Bowl XLII NFL Alumni Player of the Year Dinner, sponsored by Cadillac; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Draft was named Rams Man of the Year for his work in the community both seasons he played with the team; and

WHEREAS, he has participated in many community service activities which include: Spokesperson for St. Louis Public Schools, Spokesperson for Dance St. Louis, host for Rams in the Classroom, Reaching Your Goal SLPS Student Recognition Dinner, Urban Farming planting at Barrett Brothers Park, host for Missouri Legislative Black Caucus Foundation, Spokesperson for Missouri Childhood Asthma Radio PSA Campaign, LaRoi Glover Gridiron Holiday Shopping Spree, St. Louis Rams & American Red Cross Blood Drive, Community Quarterback Awards Luncheon and 2007 Make-A-Wish Celebrity Server; and

WHEREAS, following the tragic shooting death of St. Louis Police Officer Norvell Brown, Mr. Draft participated in a cleanup event of Barrett Brothers Park, the neighborhood where the shooting occurred. Mr. Draft wanted to spread a positive message, reminding people to be a part of their community and make a difference; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Draft hosted the Draft Family Fitness Day at Herbert Hoover Boys and Girls Club which was a wellness camp for the entire family, youths and their parents from all over the St. Louis metropolitan area got the opportunity to learn about a wide variety of topics from Mr. Draft and his assembled team of instructors.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Chris Draft for his many achievements and accomplishments and thank him for his service and dedication to the people of St. Louis 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 25th day of September, 2009 by:

Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward

Adopted this the 25th day of September, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

