

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 158**  
**Police Officer William J. Stevenson, Jr. 7739**

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that Police Officer William J. Stevenson, Jr. 7739 has been honored as Officer of the Month in District Eight, Area Three of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 1, 2009 during the early morning hours, Officer Stevenson's attention was drawn the sound of a gunshot being discharged to the east of his residence. Upon investigating the origin of the gunshot, he observed a person lying lifeless on the sidewalk and strangers running toward the victim; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the circumstances leading to the officer's attention, Officer Stevenson got dressed and hurriedly responded to what later would be 720 N. Union. At this location, Officer Stevenson identified himself and spoke to the dispatcher relating the victim's condition. While on the phone with the dispatcher, he learned of the suspect's presence on the scene. Officer Stevenson immediately disarmed the suspect and recovered a revolver, six live cartridges and a knife. The suspect was later turned over to Homicide Detectives. Officer Stevenson was also able to locate and secure a vital witness to this homicide investigation; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Stevenson executed his abilities as a trained observer and apprehended a suspect who had taken the life of the victim. Without the quick, reactive and professional response of Officer Stevenson, this suspect would have most likely escaped. Officer Stevenson is commended for his representation of the St. Louis Police Department in a professional and proper manner. As a result of his actions, warrants were later issued against the suspect by the Circuit Attorney's Office for Murder and Armed Criminal Action; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Stevenson joined the St. Louis Police Department in August 2007 and has been assigned to the Eighth District since his graduation from the Police Academy on March 31, 2008.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Police Officer William J. Stevenson, Jr. and we wish him continued success, achievement and accomplishment 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 2nd day of October, 2009 by:

**Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward**

Adopted this 2nd day of October, 2009 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen

