

RESOLUTION NUMBER 215
Officer Matthew Simpson

WHEREAS, we have been made aware that Officer Matthew Simpson, was appointed to the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department on September 9th, 2002 and served as a line platoon Officer in the Seventh District until April 7th, 2007 when he was reassigned to the (CSU) Crime Suppression Unit; and

WHEREAS, Officer Simpson, after a year of working in CSU, missed the community involvement that a District assignment allows and asked to be reassigned to the Seventh District, upon being reassigned, Officer Simpson volunteered to work with the newly formed Project R.E.N.E.W.; and

WHEREAS, Officer Matthew Simpson, while working on Project R.E.N.E.W., a program to “Rejuvenate & Empower Neighbors to End Violence in Wells/Goodfellow”, has demonstrated his commitment to the Citizens of Wells/Goodfellow as displayed in his ingenuity and perseverance, in developing new strategies to combat violent crime and instill hope to the residents of the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, on July 12th 2008, Police Officer Matthew Simpson, working with community members, City agencies and private businesses, helped organize a job fair in Wells/Goodfellow at 2900 Belt, bringing much needed assistance to the residents of the community by providing job opportunities as well as training and educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, on August 5th, 2008 Police Officer Mathew Simpson, working with community members, to enrich the sense of community, organized a National Night Out event in Wells/Goodfellow at St. Louis and Belt. Officer Simpson, working with the Greater St. Louis area Target Stores, convinced them to come into North St. Louis to participate and to donate two bicycles to winning children from the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, on October 4th, 2008 Police Officer Mathew Simpson again answered the needs of the citizens of Wells/Goodfellow by organizing a second job fair in Wells/Goodfellow at Pierre Laclede School, 5821 Kennerly; enlisting 15 businesses to bring their opportunities to North St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, Police Officer Matthew Simpson has worked tirelessly and spent countless hours, many on his own time, meeting with local businesses and supporters to gain their cooperation and solidifying their commitment to these events and the citizens of Wells/Goodfellow.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate and commend Police Officer Matthew Simpson for hard work and dedication to the citizens of the City of St. Louis and Wells/Goodfellow 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 24th day of October, 2008 by:

Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward

Adopted this the 24th day of October, 2008 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen