

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 231**

Rodney D. Forth

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised of the retirement of Rodney D. Forth, Vice President Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, Rod Forth is well known to the many civic, community and elected officials in the City of Saint Louis, Saint Louis County and the across the state of Missouri for his many acts of support and kindness over the past 20 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Rod has been the principal representative of Saint Louis' own Anheuser-Busch Companies, and has actively participated in supporting scores of neighborhood and community charities, special events and political causes during his career of more than 25 years; and

**WHEREAS**, it mattered little whether the request was for donation of our favorite locally brewed beer to support a parish picnic or neighborhood organization gathering; providing beer and financial support for special causes like the Streets Department charity golf tournament, neighborhood housing corporation house tours, senior centers and many, many more. Especially in times of community crisis, such as the tragic deaths of two Saint Louis Fire Fighters a few years ago, Rod Forth and Anheuser-Busch have been there for the people of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Rod helped launch what is now regarded as one of the premier civic events of the year in Saint Louis with the founding sponsorship of the acclaimed Mayor's Mardi Gras Ball, held annually in the rotunda of City Hall and which Rod and Patty Forth have served as Honorary Chairs every year; and

**WHEREAS**, an avid outdoorsman, hunter, fisher and conservationist, Rod has shown his passion and commitment to making our community a better place, and for that, we salute him; and

**WHEREAS**, like so many of our friends of long-standing at Saint Louis' beloved Anheuser-Busch Brewery, Rod is retiring at the end of November 2008, and along with his lovely wife and partner, Patty, looks forward to taking some well deserved time to enjoy the community for which he has done so much for so many years

**WHEREAS**, Rod joined Anheuser-Busch in 1983 and has held various positions in A-B's Industry and Government Affairs department during his 25 years with the company. He was promoted to his current position of Region Vice President in 2001. In addition to supervising two region directors, who work with professional lobbyists on retainer to the company in ten state capitals in the central part of the country, Rod supervises the group responsible for the department's strategic planning, issue research and lobbying communications. He also enjoys having direct responsibility for governmental and political matters on behalf of the company in Missouri and St. Louis

**WHEREAS**, a native of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Rod graduated from the University of Tulsa in 1975, and received a Master of Arts in Political Science from the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University the following year. Rod pursued graduate studies at Rutgers until 1980 and taught briefly in the Political Science department of the University of Missouri – St. Louis prior to joining Anheuser-Busch. Rod and his wife Patty share their home in St. Charles County with three dogs.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Rodney D. Forth for his contributions to the City of St. Louis and wish him peace and happiness in retirement 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 7th day of November, 2008 by:

**Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen**

Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr., Alderman 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward  
Honorable Stephen J. Conway, Alderman 8<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Honorable Kenneth A. Ortmann, Alderman 9<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Honorable Joseph Vollmer, Alderman 10<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Honorable Stephen Gregali, Alderman 14<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Honorable Jennifer Florida, Alderwoman 15<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22<sup>nd</sup> Ward  
Honorable Dorothy Kirner, Alderwoman 25<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Honorable Gregory J. Carter, Alderman 27<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Honorable Lyda Krewson, Alderwoman 28<sup>th</sup> Ward

Adopted this the 7th day of November, 2008 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