

RESOLUTION NO. 150638

Expressing appreciation to the Honorable John A. Sharp for his service as Councilmember representing the Sixth District.

WHEREAS, Councilman Sharp has served as Sixth District Councilmember since being elected in 1983, re-elected in 1987, 2007, and 2011 and currently serves as Chair of the Public Safety & Emergency Services Committee, member of Planning, Zoning & Economic Development Committee, and Legislative Committee; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Sharp has made invaluable contributions to improving public safety, sponsored numerous ordinances to combat crime and initiated many efforts to foster better cooperation between the Police Department and the City; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Sharp has been a strong and effective advocate for better emergency medical services (EMS) and has played a leading role in expanding the availability of advanced life support EMS care, providing prompt and reliable EMS response times, and improving working conditions for ambulance personnel; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Sharp has been Chair of the Health Care System Board of Trustees, which played a leading role in promoting City employee wellness; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Sharp has been a longtime advocate for the successful efforts to redevelop the former Bannister Mall site, to keep the National Nuclear Security Administration plant and its 2,500 jobs in South Kansas City, to build The Bay Water Park and to replace the bridge on Red Bridge Road over the Blue River; and

WHEREAS, for his long time advocacy, leadership, and commitment to civil rights, Councilman Sharp recently has been awarded the Evelyn Wasserstrom Award and the Mickey Dean Leadership and Commitment Award; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Sharp is acknowledged as being the leading wordsmith on the Council; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby express their heartfelt and sincere appreciation to Councilman John A. Sharp for the countless hours of dedicated service he has selflessly given the citizens of Kansas City during his years in office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that a copy hereof be presented to Councilman John A. Sharp as a token of the high esteem in which he is held by the Mayor, Council, and citizens of Kansas City, Missouri.



Authenticated as Passed



Sly James, Mayor



Marilyn Sanders, City Clerk

JUL 23 2015

Date Passed