

RESOLUTION NO.: 11-2007
INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Ursu and All Members of Council

A Resolution of Condolence Upon the Passing of City Councilman Joseph T. Steffen and Appreciation for His Service to the Community.

Whereas, the City of Richmond Heights and the entire Hillcrest region is saddened by the news of the passing of Joseph T. Steffen (“Joe”) on February 4, 2007, from a scuba diving accident in Newfoundland, Canada—an activity which Joe dearly loved; and

WHEREAS, upon his death, Joe was a distinguished Councilperson-at-Large in the City of Richmond Heights, having been elected with the largest vote total for the office in the November 2005 election, and who served the City with extraordinary enthusiasm, diligence and gracious style;

WHEREAS, Joe was a retired Lieutenant from the Richmond Heights Police Department having served as a patrolman and risen through the ranks to serve as a Lieutenant for 16 years of his over 24-year tenure with the Department; Joe served the Department with extraordinary zeal and distinction in many capacities, including heading up the City’s DARE Program in the schools for over 15 years and was affectionately known by students as “Officer Joe”;

WHEREAS, Joe also served the Community in active roles with Kiwanis and other community service activities, including the annual Community Day festival;

WHEREAS, Joe participated in many, many programs throughout his years of service, involving children, senior citizens and the citizenry in general; his knowledge of the community and reputation played a large part in the success of the voted bond issue for construction of the new police station in 2000, to which Joe contributed a tremendous amount of time, effort and skill to facilitate the construction of the new station; and he served as Treasurer of Local 57 of the F.O.P. for 12 years;

WHEREAS, Joe left behind his beloved children Lindsey Rose and Joey, and his wife Jennifer, who will miss him dearly.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1: On behalf of the citizens of Richmond Heights, Mayor Daniel J. Ursu and the entire City administration, this Council does hereby express its most sincere condolences to the family of Joseph T. Steffen and its sincere appreciation for his outstanding service to the City of Richmond Heights community and its citizens which has made Richmond Heights a better place to live, work and raise a family.

Section 2: The Clerk is instructed to forward original copies of this Resolution to the family of Joseph T. Steffen.

Section 3: This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED:_____

Daniel J. Ursu, Mayor

APPROVED:_____

ATTEST:_____

Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

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