

RESOLUTION NO. 081157

Recognizing Kansas City Police Officers Christopher Skinner and David Loar for going above and beyond the call of duty.

WHEREAS, Christopher Skinner and David Loar, Shoal Creek Patrol Officers, were recognized October 2, 2008, and received a certificate of commendation, for their work in helping Harold turn his life around; and

WHEREAS, Skinner and Loar assisted Harold in recovering his stolen identification, finding him a place to live and helping him obtain his Social Security benefits; and

WHEREAS, on New Year's Eve, Skinner and Loar responded to an alarm call at the Antioch Mall where they discovered Harold, a 70 year old homeless man, in the garage of the Sears store; and

WHEREAS, Harold told the officers that he had been homeless for 7 years and after going to a homeless shelter his wallet and all identification had been stolen; and

WHEREAS, Officers Skinner and Loar during the next three months worked to help Harold obtain a birth certificate, a post office box, a Social Security card and state-issued photo identification; and

WHEREAS, the officers went so far as to put Harold up in a hotel and buy him groceries with their own money; and

WHEREAS, during their free time, the officers made inquiries about how Harold could receive Social Security benefits and found that Harold was owed \$9,800 in back benefits and was then to receive \$1,700 a month for life as well as receiving Medicare coverage; and

WHEREAS, Skinner and Loar helped Harold to find a low rent apartment, secure furniture, and open a checking and savings account; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby recognize Kansas City Police Officers Christopher Skinner and David Loar for going above and beyond the call of duty; 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 Officer Christopher Skinner and Officer David Loar with the appreciation of the Mayor, Council and citizens of Kansas City for their exemplary behavior in helping another human being.
