

RESOLUTION NO. 160743

In memory of Charles Shangler who passed away September 17, 2016.

WHEREAS, Charles Shangler was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1923, the son of immigrant parents, and was valedictorian at Park College in Parkville, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Charles Shangler enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps where he served in the infantry until the end of World War II, after returning to Kansas City he married Kay Bisceglia and graduated from the Kansas University law school with honors, and established a successful law practice serving the needs of the citizens in Northeast Kansas City, many of whom could not pay for his services; and

WHEREAS, Charles Shangler was appointed First Judge of Division 15 of the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri in October 1965, and then on January 4, 1969, as Judge of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, where he served with distinction until his mandatory retirement upon reaching age 70 in 1993; and

WHEREAS, after retirement Charles Shangler continued to serve the people of Kansas City and Missouri, by serving as Director of the Northeast Community Center, where he also founded the Scuola Vita Nuova ("School of New Life") charter school, which has since doubled in size while becoming one of the top ten charter schools in Missouri; and

WHEREAS, at age 90, Charles Shangler helped create an intensive music education program at the Northeast Community Center in collaboration with the Harmony Project which has, in affiliation with the Kansas City Symphony, developed a music program serving children from 22 schools, promoting the healthy development of children through music; and

WHEREAS, after a lifetime of service to others, the Honorable Charles Shangler passed away on September 17, 2016; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby express their sorrow on the death of Charles Shangler; 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 the family of Charles Shangler in token of the genuine esteem and respect in which he was held and in token of the sincere sympathy hereby extended to the bereaved.

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