

RESOLUTION NO. 160935

Honoring and recognizing William Geary on his retirement from the Office of the City Attorney after 37 years of dedicated service to the City.

WHEREAS, Mr. William (Bill) Geary began his career with the City as an Assistant City Attorney in 1979, became City Attorney in 2012 and has provided thirty-seven years of exceptional public service along the way; and

WHEREAS, Bill handled difficult and novel First Amendment and due process issues, developed expertise in other substantive areas of law, was the primary drafter of all of the City Charter revisions over the past three decades, successfully defended the City against tort claims arising out of the Hyatt Skywalk disaster and drafted the legislation that created the Metropolitan Ambulance Services Trust that provided emergency medical care to the citizens of Kansas City for years; and

WHEREAS, Bill has been awarded both a Lou Czech and James H. Epps III Award for distinguished service and his work is widely known across the municipal and constitutional law community to be amongst the highest order, benefiting not only Kansas City, but often times local governments across the state and nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Bill is a U.S. Navy veteran of the JAG Corps, is active in the KCMBF Military Matters program and his church, is a devoted family man, and evidences the highest standard for professionalism, ethics and leadership in his community; and

WHEREAS, Bill has counseled the City and its elected officials in an exemplary manner, provided strong leadership and mentorship to his colleagues, and retires from the City with the sincere admiration and gratitude from the office's attorneys and staff for his friendship and service; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby extend their most sincere appreciation to Bill Geary for his 37 years of distinguished and exceptional service to Kansas City, together with heartiest best wishes for the future; 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 him in token of the grateful appreciation of the Mayor and Council for the excellent services and leadership provided by him to the City, its officers and employees, for so many years.

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