

RESOLUTION NO. [R-2011-00352]

Recognizing and expressing appreciation to the Honorable Mark Funkhouser for his service as Mayor of Kansas City.

WHEREAS, after a distinguished career in public service culminating with an 18-year term as City Auditor of the City of Kansas City, Mark Funkhouser was elected mayor in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Funkhouser led a charge to reverse prior economic development policies to focus upon the livability of our city through the establishment of programs to encourage the development of economic growth through homegrown businesses rather than subsidized development, and thus pulled the City back from the brink of bankruptcy; and

WHEREAS, under Mayor Funkhouser's leadership, the City adopted financial planning, revenue, and expenditure policies that prudently define how the City conducts its financial affairs, which served to guide the City through a nationwide recession second only to the Great Depression; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Funkhouser established initiatives to help focus the attention of all citizens, the "regular folks" of our City, on the basic building blocks of a new 21st Century urban economy, such as New Tools for Economic Development, Schools First, A City that Works, and Zone 2-7: Anchor of Hope; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Funkhouser enriched the involvement of citizen participation in the governance of the City through the appointment of people representing all corners of our City's varied neighborhoods, interests, and groups; and

WHEREAS, using new and old techniques for communicating with Kansas Citians, Mayor Funkhouser was accessible to all people, for example, holding over 100 town hall meetings to speak directly to the concerns of citizens; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Council hereby expresses its heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Mayor Mark Funkhouser for the devotion, enthusiasm, concern, hard work, and dedicated service he has selflessly given to the citizens of Kansas City during his tenure as mayor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council as testimony thereof and that a copy hereof be presented to Mayor Mark Funkhouser as a token of the Council's appreciation for his service.

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