

RESOLUTION NO. 060602

Honoring Tony Richardson for his many contributions and volunteer service to the Kansas City community.

WHEREAS, Tony Richardson is not only an amazing athlete but in 1999, established the Rich in Spirit Foundation to extend a helping hand in order to uplift the lives and spirits of individuals who society had turned their backs on; and

WHEREAS, Tony has made over 600 appearances in the last six years and personally contributed over \$100,000.00 each of the last four years to his foundation; and

WHEREAS, Tony traveled to Sri Lanka on behalf of the United Nations World Food Program to assist in Tsunami relief around the world; and

WHEREAS, over the past few years, Tony has donated 7,500 backpacks to the City Union Mission for distribution of school supplies and in 2002 was the first athlete to lend his name and support to The Dictionary Project by donating 3,000 dictionaries, and in 2003-2004 approximately 29,000 dictionaries, and guaranteeing 47,000 dictionaries in the next four years so that all third graders in the 5-county metropolitan area receives a dictionary; and

WHEREAS, over the past six years, Tony has been involved in a number of outstanding projects including hosting an incentive party for 50 kids from Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Kansas City and giving each a \$100.00 gift certificate to Dick's Sporting Goods, starting the Special Olympics Punt Pass and Kick competition in Kansas City, partnering with Mike Sweeney from the Royals in the celebrity golf tournament benefiting Athletes in Action raising over \$130,000.00, as well as chairing the annual Chiefs vs. Denver "Out for Blood" Blood Drive; and

WHEREAS, Tony has been the recipient of the 2003 Pro Football Weekly's "Arthur S. Arkush Humanitarian Award" and the 2005 Distinguished Citizen Award by the National Conference for Community and Justice and was named one of the "Top 100 Good Guys" in sports by The Sporting News for the last four years; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby honor Tony Richardson for his many contributions and volunteer service to the Kansas City community; 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 Tony Richardson with the appreciation and highest regard from the Mayor, Council and citizens of Kansas City for the many ways that he has served the community over the years.
