



*The City of Minneapolis*  
A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

By Yang, Reich, Gordon, Frey, B. Johnson, Warsame, Goodman,  
Glidden, Cano, Bender, Quincy, A. Johnson, and Palmisano

**Honoring Gary Wilson**

*Whereas*, Gary Wilson has been a fixture of Minneapolis Parks for nearly 70 years, and

*Whereas*, Gary Wilson first played sports in Northeast Minneapolis at 10, and

*Whereas*, Gary Wilson was a graduate of Edison High School, a long time booster and coach of baseball and football teams and a member of the Edison Hall of Fame, and

*Whereas*, Gary Wilson has been the Athletic Director at Farview Park for 50 years, and

*Whereas*, Gary Wilson has coached baseball, football and basketball in the Minneapolis Park system at Jordan and Farview Parks, and

*Whereas*, Gary Wilson has influenced multiple generations of Northside and Minneapolis youth with his coaching, and

*Whereas*, Gary Wilson has worked tirelessly to strengthen youth sports policies and guidelines with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, and

*Whereas*, Gary Wilson could always be counted upon to solve issues fairly, honestly and respectfully, and

*Whereas*, Gary Wilson was never too busy to help a child fix a bike, bring back a library book or get their homework done, and

*Whereas*, Gary Wilson has made sure that any child that wanted to play sports was provided an opportunity, and

*Whereas*, Gary Wilson has driven thousands and thousands of miles picking up and dropping off youth for practices and games from homes and schools, and

*Whereas*, Gary Wilson has been a fierce advocate of Minneapolis Parks and Schools to make sure the needs of Minneapolis residents are being met, and

*Whereas*, Gary Wilson has mentored hundreds of park staff, high school and park coaches about the importance of mentoring and guiding youth in life through youth sports, and

*Whereas*, Gary Wilson has always put others needs in front of his own, and

*Whereas*, Gary Wilson has made the city of Minneapolis a better place to live through his passion, love, dedication and tireless hard work for more than a half a century, and

**Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis:  
That the City Council, on behalf of the people of Minneapolis, hereby honors Gary Wilson for his lifetime commitment to the youth, parks, and the spirit of play in the City of Minneapolis.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** Gary Wilson be recognized for his lifetime commitment to the youth, the parks, and the spirit of play, in the city of Minneapolis.

Passed, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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Barbara A. Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

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Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

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Casey Joe Carl, City Clerk

