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Legislation Text

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Designating September 5, 2012, as Bill Gunther Day in the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Friday, August 24, 2012 was Bill Gunther's last day working for the City of Saint Paul after forty-one years; and

WHEREAS, Bill Gunther was always a consummate professional, ending his career as the Environmental Health Manager, where he watched over many aspects of Saint Paul's daily activities; and

WHEREAS, those daily activities range from food safety in restaurants, and at major events like food vendors surrounding the State Fair and Republican National Convention; and Bill helped make the process for food trucks to operate in Saint Paul as painless as possible; and

WHEREAS, Bill has explained the definition of "nuisance" and illustrated the decibel scale on at least 100,000 separate occasions; and

WHEREAS, Bill has been drawn into a wide array of community conversations, including one about backyard chickens, where he has always been willing to listen and learn, as well as share his expertise; and

WHEREAS, Bill has been crucial in ensuring that the Central Corridor light rail project get implemented while causing neighbors and businesses as little lost sleep as possible through is administration of sound level variances in a fair and firm manner; and

WHEREAS, if it were possible under the City code, we'd give Bill a lifetime sound variance, but barring that,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Wednesday, September 5, 2012, be designated *Bill Gunther Day* in the City of Saint Paul with all the rights and privileges that entails; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul City Council hereby thanks Bill for his forty-one years of service to the City as measured by the finesse he has brought to his work, the nuisances he has abated or reduced, and the respect he has won,.