

## RESOLUTION 2008-09

WHEREAS, William G. Ritter joined the Cedarburg Fire Department in March of 1933, serving as Assistant Fire Chief from 1940 to 1964, a total of 23 years, and Fire Chief from 1964 to 1979, a total of 15 years; and

WHEREAS, William G. Ritter recently completed a total of 75 years of service to the Cedarburg Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, William G. Ritter was a founding member of the Cedarburg Rescue Squad, established in 1938; and

WHEREAS, William G. Ritter was instrumental in the purchase of Firemen's Park in 1942 where millions of dollars have been raised to offset the cost to taxpayers in running the Cedarburg Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, William G. Ritter was responsible for developing the Cedarburg Fire Department into a progressive and modern fire department, implementing up-to-date training techniques, purchasing apparatus and equipment, and was involved in training Ozaukee County firefighters in newly developed tactics; and

WHEREAS, William G. Ritter is a highly regarded and respected leader in fire service in Ozaukee County and surrounding municipalities; and

WHEREAS, William G. Ritter was a driving influence in all aspects of the Cedarburg Fire Department in his 50 years of active service and had a major impact making the Cedarburg Fire Department what it is today;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Cedarburg hereby joins the citizens of the City of Cedarburg, the Cedarburg Fire Department, and City Staff in publicly honoring, commending and expressing their sincere appreciation to William G. Ritter for his admirable service and many contributions to the Cedarburg Fire Department.

Passed and adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 2008.

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Gregory P. Myers, Mayor

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Constance K. McHugh, City Clerk