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A PLAQUE DEDICATION FOR THE LATE HAROLD “BUD” AND BERNICE FOLEY IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 27TH, DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM CITY HALL BEFORE THE START OF THE 3RD WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT FESTIVITIES

The City of Florissant and Florissant Old Town Partners are pleased to announce a plaque dedication in honor of the late **Harold “Bud” and Bernice Foley**. This will be the 52nd Walk Through History plaque in honor of someone that has made valuable contributions to the City of Florissant or someone with Florissant roots that has impacted our community.

The ceremony will be held on Wednesday, July 27th, at 5:30 p.m. directly across from Florissant City Hall. The plaque dedication will take place before the start of the 3rd Wednesday Night Out festivities which will include a Washer tournament located in front of 717 rue St. Francois. Food will be provided by Mann Meats and drinks will be provided by BJ's Bar. The sponsors for this event are: American Family Insurance - Paul Manganelli who is the Ward 2 Councilman, Patrick Mulcahy Ward 6 Councilman, CNB St. Louis Bank and Dogs on Duty.

Harold “Bud” Foley was a labor leader and the state’s most decorated veteran of World War II. He had received two Purple Hearts, two Bronze Stars, seven Battle Stars, three Presidential Citations and the Croix de Guerre from France.

Bud was President of the St. Louis Building & Construction Trades Council and Business Manager of Plumbers & Pipefitters Union Local 562. He had been a member of the plumbers & pipefitters union for 42 years, rising from a journeyman pipefitter to various offices within the union. Besides holding the position of business manager, he also had been a business agent and secretary-treasurer. Bud was known for his skills in getting labor and management to communicate with each other.

Bud also served as a councilman from 1952 to 1957. Bud and his wife Bernice founded the Florissant Township & Democratic Club where Bud served as the committeeman and his wife as the committeewoman.

He was also very active in PRIDE, a labor management group formed to resolve disputes in the construction industry. Bud always wanted to improve the quality of life for working people.

Bernice supported every Democrat President, Missouri Governor and United States Senator from FDR to Joe Biden. She supported Florissant ballot issues and office holders for progress including Mayors and Councilmembers. Bernice worked hard supporting issues and leaders to serve the American working people. Bernice and her husband Bud were long-time Florissant residents and they were considered by many political pioneers for Florissant progress.

