

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION commending Spofford, in celebration of its 95th anniversary of providing hope and healing for children and their families.

RESOLUTION #17636, July 25, 2011

INTRODUCED BY Crystal Williams and Theresa Garza Ruiz, County Legislators

WHEREAS, in 1916, twenty-nine children came to Mrs. Thomas M. Spofford's home in Kansas City, which she had donated to be used as an orphanage; and,

WHEREAS, ninety-five years later, Spofford is a leading provider of preventative and therapeutic treatment services for children, providing hope and healing to children suffering from abuse, neglect, and mental illness; and,

WHEREAS, Spofford began offering treatment to children with emotional problems in 1940, becoming the first agency in Kansas City to offer these services; and,

WHEREAS, Spofford is part of Cornerstones of Care, which serves as a consortium of agencies in Kansas City working together to provide support services for children and families; and,

WHEREAS, Spofford's services include providing residential treatment of children with severe emotional and behavioral disturbances, a school-based case management

program to help children succeed socially and academically, a summer day camp program, and other specialized treatment programs; and,

WHEREAS, Spofford has an impressive record of success with ninety-six percent of residents making progress toward treatment goals and eighty-one percent of respondents expressing satisfaction with Spofford's programs; and,

WHEREAS, Spofford's mission to provide premier preventative and therapeutic services by connecting children, families, and the community to achieve their potential has made them a leader in helping the citizens of Jackson County; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby congratulates Spofford on the occasion of its 95th anniversary and extends sincere best wishes for continued success in the future.

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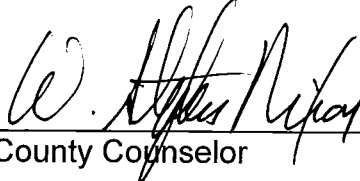
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Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Chief Deputy County Counselor



County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution #17636 of July 25, 2011, was duly passed on July 25, 2011 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

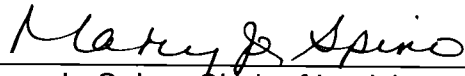
Yeas 9

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

7.25.11
Date



Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature