

**IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI**

**A RESOLUTION** congratulating Sister Corita Bussanmas, co-founder of Operation Breakthrough, on her retirement October 17, 2013.

**RESOLUTION NO. 18277**, October 14, 2013

**INTRODUCED BY** Scott Burnett, Crystal Williams and Theresa Garza Ruiz,  
County Legislators

WHEREAS, Sister Corita Bussanmas, co-founder with Sister Berta Sailor, of Operation Breakthrough, will retire on October 17, 2013, after 45 years of service; and,

WHEREAS, Sister Corita's retirement will be celebrated at a farewell open house on October 17, 2013, at Operation Breakthrough, located at 3039 Troost, Kansas City, MO; and,

WHEREAS, Operation Breakthrough is a not-for-profit agency that provides early childhood education, before-and after-school programs, summer enrichment programs, as well as a broad range of health and social services for working poor families in Kansas City; and,

WHEREAS, Sister Corita, a native of Des Moines, IA, was sent to Kansas City in 1967 by her order, the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to run St. Vincent's School; and,

WHEREAS, in 1971, the diocese closed St. Vincent's Parish, and with the loss of funding, Sister Corita and Sister Berta joined with neighborhood parents to incorporate Operation Breakthrough, Inc., as a not-for-profit with no religious affiliation; and,

WHEREAS, Sister Corita has devoted her life to the children of Operation Breakthrough, working days, nights, and weekends to keep the program thriving; and,

WHEREAS, Sister Corita is someone who saw a need, and through perseverance, ingenuity, and dogged devotion, she did what needed to be done to fill that need through Operation Breakthrough; and,

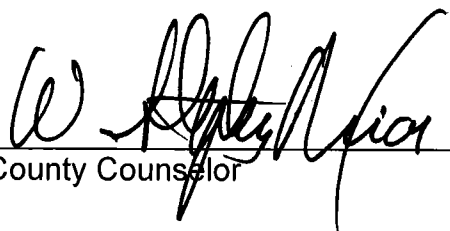
WHEREAS, the Kansas City community has felt Sister Corita's impact for more than 45 years that she has served as a leader and an inspiration to all of us; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby expresses best wishes to Sister Corita Bussanmas on the occasion of her retirement and its sincere gratitude for her service to the community.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Chief Deputy County Counselor

  
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County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 18277 of October 14, 2013, was duly passed on October 14, 2013 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 8

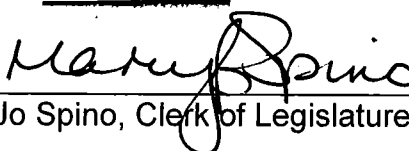
Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

Excused 1

10.14.13  
Date

  
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Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature