

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

**A RESOLUTION** congratulating Senator Jolie Justus on her re-election to and on being named Assistant Minority Floor Leader for the Missouri State Senate.

**RESOLUTION #17443**, December 13, 2010

**INTRODUCED BY** Theresa Garza Ruiz, Henry C. Rizzo, Dan Tarwater, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, James D. Tindall, Dennis Waits, Greg Grounds, Bob Spence, County Legislators

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2010, Jolie Justus was re-elected to the Missouri General Assembly, representing the 10<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District in Jackson County and will serve as the Assistant Minority Floor Leader in her new term; and,

WHEREAS, Jolie was first elected to the state senate in 2006, where she has served as a leading advocate for area children, women, and the poorest and most vulnerable members of our community; and,

WHEREAS, Jolie earned a degree in communications from Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, MO, and received her juris doctorate from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law where she served as managing editor of the UMKC Law Review, was a member of the Bench and Robe Honor Society, and received the Charles E. Whittaker Award for Academic Excellence; and,

WHEREAS, Jolie is the Director of Pro Bono Services for the law firm of Shook, Hardy & Bacon, LLP, recognized as one of the top 100 free legal services programs in the nation;

and,

WHEREAS, as a strong advocate for the citizens of Missouri, Jolie has been recognized time and again for her work by organizations such as the American Cancer Society, the Citizen's for Missouri's Children, the Midwest Foster Care and Adoption Association, the Missouri Association of Social Welfare, the Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys, the Missouri Judicial Conference, and the Missouri Bar, among many others; and,

WHEREAS, Jolie has received many awards for her service including special recognition from the Autism Society of America, the Greater Kansas City Women's Political Caucus Erika S. Fox Pillar Award, the Committed Statesperson Award from the MS Society, and an Honorary Doctor of Biotechnology Public Policy from the Missouri Biotech Association; and,

WHEREAS, Jolie and her partner Shonda Garrison are the proud parents of a 16-year old daughter, Angel; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature congratulates Jolie Justus on her re-election to the Missouri State Senate representing the 10<sup>th</sup> District, and wishes her much success in the future.

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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Acting County Counselor

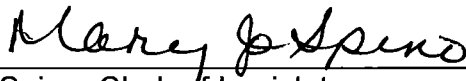
Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution #17443 of December 13, 2010, was duly passed on December 13, 2010 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 6 Nays 0

Abstaining 0 Absent 3

12.13.10  
Date

  
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Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature