

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

**A RESOLUTION** honoring the life and achievements of Mary Margaret Tarwater.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21412**, October 2, 2023

**INTRODUCED BY** DaRon McGee, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer, and Sean E. Smith, County Legislators

WHEREAS, Mary Margaret Tarwater passed away September 18, 2023, at the age of 84, leaving behind a legacy of love and devotion to her family; and,

WHEREAS, Mary was born on September 9, 1939, in Kansas City, Missouri, and was one of eight children born to Tom and Mary Shine of Ireland, instilling in her a strong sense of heritage and family values; and,

WHEREAS, on June 24, 1961, Mary wed Daniel Tarwater, Jr. and together they raised five children; and,

WHEREAS, Mary's commitment to education led her to become a dedicated grade school teacher, influencing and inspiring the young minds of our community; and,

WHEREAS, Mary found her greatest joy and fulfillment in raising her children, and being MiMi to her eight grandchildren, creating a home filled with warmth and love, where all were welcomed with open arms; and,

WHEREAS, Mary was a devout member of the St. Thomas More Church, where she nurtured her own faith and encouraged her children and grandchildren to embrace their Catholic upbringing; and,

WHEREAS, Mary was a stalwart supporter of her family, tirelessly campaigning for her son, Daniel Tarwater III's political endeavors, setting up her daughter's classrooms, and enthusiastically attending her grandchildren's various activities and sports events; and,

WHEREAS, Mary's adventurous spirit led her to explore the world alongside her siblings, creating cherished memories that spanned continents and cultures; and,

WHEREAS, Mary was known for her generous heart, exemplified through her beautifully wrapped gifts, unwavering support of numerous charities, and the invaluable gift of her time; and,

WHEREAS, Mary's unwavering devotion to the Kansas City Chiefs made her a true fan, embodying the spirit and pride of our beloved city; and,

WHEREAS, Mary is survived by her devoted children, Dan and wife Paula, Sean and wife Lexie, Terry and wife Jenny, Molly and husband Nick Carmadella; cherished grandchildren, Abby, Danny, Mitch, Sean, Brandon, Kevin, Dylan, and Raegan; beloved siblings, Rev. Jack Shine, Judy Folsom, Katie Wall and husband Brent, and numerous nieces and nephews, leaving an indelible mark on all who were fortunate enough to know her; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri that the Legislature hereby honors the memory of Mary Margaret Tarwater and extends its heartfelt condolences to her family and friends during this time of sorrow.

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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County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21412 of October 2, 2023, was duly passed on October 2, 2023 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 7

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 2

10.2.2023  
Date

Mary Jo Spino  
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature