

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

**A RESOLUTION** honoring the life and legacy of Everett Carter, a dedicated public servant who tragically lost his life while serving the community he loved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21841**, January 27, 2025

**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, Everett Carter, a long-time resident of Independence, Missouri, and a cherished member of the Jackson County Public Works team, dedicated 40 years of his life to serving the people of Jackson County with pride and professionalism; and,

WHEREAS, as a Foreman with the Public Works Road and Bridge Division, Everett led his team of equipment operators, affectionately known as the "all-purpose crew," with skill, dedication, and a commitment to excellence, embodying a work ethic that was second to none; and,

WHEREAS, Everett was always the first on the job and the last to leave, leading by example with his unmatched expertise and willingness to mentor others, earning the respect and admiration of his colleagues, who recently honored him as the Division's most talented equipment operator during the annual Christmas banquet; and,

WHEREAS, Everett's commitment to his craft and his community was evident in his tireless efforts to provide exceptional service, often personally addressing requests from residents and consistently ensuring tasks were completed with precision and care; and,

WHEREAS, Everett was a gifted equipment operator and a trusted leader whose vast knowledge and dedication left an indelible mark on the Road and Bridge Division, inspiring young team members to strive for excellence; and,

WHEREAS, his personality and presence were unmistakable—known for his ability to contribute to any conversation, offering insights, humor, or a well-earned grunt of approval, his voice was always respected and his leadership valued; and,

WHEREAS, Everett, who was eagerly anticipating his retirement at the end of this month, tragically lost his life in an accident while performing snow removal operations in the unincorporated area of Blue Summit, reminding us all of the sacrifices and risks faced by public servants in their daily work; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby honors the life and legacy of Everett Carter, extends heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues, and expresses profound gratitude for his four decades of dedicated service to the people of Jackson County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature acknowledges the immeasurable contributions Everett made to our community, celebrates his life and work, and commits to remembering his legacy with the utmost respect and gratitude.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan Covinsky  
Bryan Covinsky (Jan 9, 2025 12:27 CST)  
County Counselor

### Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21841 of January 27, 2025, was duly passed on January 27, 2025 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 9

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

1/27/2025  
Date

Mary Jo Spino  
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature