

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

**A RESOLUTION** recognizing Kimberly Sixta of the Hickman Mills School District on the prestigious honor of being named Missouri Teacher of the Year for 2026.

**RESOLUTION NO. 22109**, November 17, 2025

**INTRODUCED BY** Donna Peyton, County Legislator

WHEREAS, Ms. Kimberly Sixta, a distinguished educator at Ruskin High School in the Hickman Mills School District, has been named the 2026 Missouri Teacher of the Year by the Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Kimberly Sixta has served with dedication and distinction as Chair of the Social Studies Department and as sponsor for the National Honor Society, Student Council, and the Upward Bound program, demonstrating her unwavering commitment to student leadership and academic excellence; and,

WHEREAS, she has been a tireless advocate for post-secondary education, actively informing and encouraging students to pursue scholarships and further their academic and vocational aspirations, contributing to a remarkable increase in scholarship awards for Ruskin High School seniors; and,

WHEREAS, her efforts have helped Ruskin students secure millions of dollars in scholarships annually, with over \$4 million awarded last year alone, reflecting her profound impact on student success and opportunity; and,

WHEREAS, her colleagues and administrators have praised her as a uniquely gifted educator who brings “magic to the classroom,” especially for students who need it most, and whose influence extends far beyond the classroom walls; and,

WHEREAS, Kimberly Sixta herself has humbly stated that her greatest accomplishment lies in the students who return to say she helped them believe in themselves, exemplifying the true spirit of teaching and the legacy of a devoted educator; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri honors and commends Kim Sixta for her outstanding contributions to education, her exemplary service to the students of Ruskin High School, and her well-deserved recognition as Missouri Teacher of the Year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ms. Sixta’s dedication, compassion, and leadership serve as an inspiration to educators across the state and beyond.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Whitney Miller

Whitney Miller (Nov 13, 2025 12:37:11 CST)

County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 22109 of November 17, 2025, was duly passed on November 17, 2025 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 8

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

Excused 1

11.17.2025

Date

Mary Jo Spino

Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature