

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

**A RESOLUTION** congratulating History Rain Estill-Varner of Independence, Missouri, on the occasion of being awarded a Fulbright Fellowship award to conduct research in the Dominican Republic.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19033**, January 4, 2016

**INTRODUCED BY** Crystal Williams, Dan Tarwater III, Frank White, Jr., Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Alfred Jordan, Dennis Waits, Greg Grounds, and Theresa Galvin, County Legislators

WHEREAS, History Rain Estill-Varner, a 2015 *summa cum laude* graduate of the Rochester Institute of Technology, has been awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to conduct research in the Dominican Republic from January to November 2016; and,

WHEREAS, History will collaborate with that country's National Association of the Deaf and the National Interpreting Association to build a sustainable Interpreter Training Program to ensure that interpreters of Dominican Sign Language are consistent and proficient; and,

WHEREAS, History is the recipient of two Bachelor of Science degrees from the Rochester Institute of Technology/National Technical Institute for the Deaf, one in American Sign Language Interpreting and the other in International and Global Studies; and,

WHEREAS, she is fluent in both American Sign Language and Spanish; and,

WHEREAS, History attended a study-abroad program at the Universidad Veritas in Costa Rica and held an internship with the Ministry of Education in the Dominican Republic; and,

WHEREAS, History maintained academic honors throughout her university studies, all while working three jobs and being involved with her sorority and other club and volunteer activities; and,

WHEREAS, History's mother, Jackson County's own Winifred Jamieson, gave birth to History on her eighteenth birthday and appreciates her daughter's support and help in raising her two brothers through difficult times for the family; and,

WHEREAS, History's family is justifiably proud of her accomplishments; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby congratulates History Rain Estill-Varner of Independence, Missouri, on the occasion of being awarded a Fulbright Fellowship and extends its best wishes for all of her future endeavors.

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. 19033 of January 4, 2016, was duly passed on January 4, 2016 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 9

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

January 4, 2016  
Date

  
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Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature