

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION recognizing Liberia's influential religious official, Bishop Mai Barclay Roberts, for her dedication to spiritual leadership.

RESOLUTION #17398 , October 18, 2010

INTRODUCED BY James D. Tindall, County Legislator

WHEREAS, Bishop Mai Barclay Roberts of Liberia began attending the Faith Healing Temple of Jesus Christ in 1971, eventually progressing along her spiritual journey to become the first female bishop in the Metropolitan Spiritual Churches of Christ, which was founded in Kansas City, and with which the Faith Healing Temple is affiliated; and,

WHEREAS, Bishop Roberts is widely recognized as a national spiritual leader throughout Liberia, preaching her message of God's love, forgiveness, and reconciliation to the nation in twice-weekly radio broadcasts; and,

WHEREAS, Bishop Roberts lives her life embracing the philosophy of caring and sharing, living out her favorite quote, "If I can help somebody then my living shall not be in vain"; and,

WHEREAS, Bishop Roberts was directed by the Lord to move to the Faith Healing Temple compound during the 1990 Liberian war, making the house of worship a refuge for hundreds of Liberians irrespective of tribal or ethnic background; and,

WHEREAS, Bishop Roberts was recognized by the President of Liberia for her dedicated and selfless service to the nation with the Knight Great Band in the Humane Order of African Redemption; and,

WHEREAS, Bishop Roberts is a loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, not just to her biological family, but to the hundreds of Liberians around the world, serving as a role model for many, including the current and past presidents of Liberia; and,

WHEREAS, Bishop Roberts will celebrate her 89th birthday on October 29, 2010; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature extends best wishes to Bishop Mai Barclay Roberts on her birthday and expresses sincere gratitude for her dedicated service to the citizens of Liberia and her church.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Chief Deputy County Counselor


Acting County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution #17398 of October 18, 2010 was duly passed on October 18, 2010 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:


Yeas 8

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 1

10.18.10
Date


Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature