

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

**A RESOLUTION** congratulating the Taylor family on the occasion of their family reunion to be celebrated August 12, 2023, at Longview Lake.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21361**, August 7, 2023

**INTRODUCED BY** Venessa Huskey, County Legislator

WHEREAS, the County Legislature wishes to extend its heartfelt congratulations to the Taylor family on the momentous occasion of their family reunion, to be held on August 12, 2023, at the Longview Lake, to celebrate the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth generations of their illustrious lineage; and,

WHEREAS, the Taylor family's rich history and heritage can be traced back to the marriage of Charlie Roscoe Taylor from California, Missouri, affectionately known as "Poppa," who was born on October 12, 1881, and Nellie Jane (Tucker) Taylor from Ray County, Missouri, lovingly referred to as "Mother," who was born of Cherokee heritage on January 14, 1882; and,

WHEREAS, on October 8, 1913, Poppa and Mother welcomed their son, Robert Gerald Taylor; and,

WHEREAS, Frank James Taylor, of Seals Alabama, fondly known as "Grand Poppa," was born on January 1, 1883, of a diverse heritage of Creole and Blackfoot descent, and Marie Jane (Wilson) Taylor of Topeka, Kansas, lovingly known as "Grand Momma" was born on February 24, 1884; and,

WHEREAS, on February 5, 1916, Grand Poppa and Grand Momma welcomed their daughter, Marie Bertha Taylor, into this world; and,

WHEREAS, historical records from the 1920 Census confirm that both families resided south of 27th street in Kansas City, Missouri, in the Mozier/Dunbar subdivision, an all-black neighborhood, known to be located between 53rd Street & 55th Street, stretching from Montgall Avenue to Walrond Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that Robert, affectionately called "Gramps," spent his childhood at 3107 East 53rd Street, and Marie, lovingly known as "Granny," grew up at 5336 Walrond; and,

WHEREAS, Robert and Marie's union was solemnized in holy matrimony on August 10, 1936, as evidenced by their marriage license signed by the minister, and together, they raised five children, leaving a lasting legacy in their descendants; and,

WHEREAS, it is with great pride and admiration that we recognize the names and birth years of the children and their respective offspring: Lil Robert (1936-2004) is survived by Sylvester, Teresa, and Bobby; Sugar (1938-2020) is survived by Venessa, Jenise, Denise, and Bill (1956-2012); Bertie (1939-2021) is survived by Connie, Jeanine, and Anthony; Jenny (1943-2007) is survived by Willa (1964-2022); Buddy (1941-1997) had no children; and Bonita (1955) is survived by Eric, Dwanda, and Junior; and,

WHEREAS, August 12, 2023, marks a joyous occasion where the Taylor family gathers once again to celebrate their shared history, cherish cherished memories, and strengthen the bonds that have withstood the test of time; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri that the Legislature hereby proclaims this to be a special day of celebration in honor of the Taylor family reunion, recognizing and honoring their extraordinary heritage and the love and unity that have transcended generations.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan O. Wensley

County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21361 of August 7, 2023, was duly passed on August 7, 2023 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 9

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

8.7.2023  
Date

Mary Jo Spino  
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature