

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and achievements of Mary Jane Grimaldi who passed away November 25, 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 21499, December 6, 2023

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, Mary Jane Grimaldi, or Jane as she was known to all who loved her, was born on December 29, 1923, in Little Rock, Arkansas, and passed away November 25, 2023, just shy of her 100th birthday; and,

WHEREAS, Jane was a devout Roman Catholic, a dedicated homemaker, and an unwavering supporter of various charitable organizations, including volunteering with the Ladies of Charity of Metropolitan Kansas City, serving the poor at Seton Center, feeding the hungry at Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Redemptorist) Church, giving emotional support and volunteer service to Birthright of Kansas City, Missouri Right to Life, the Vitae Foundation, and Serra International, just to name a few; and,

WHEREAS, Jane, alongside her late husband, Frank Grimaldi, who passed away in 2010, lived a life rooted in Kansas City, leaving an indelible mark on the community through their contributions and generosity; and,

WHEREAS, Jane was an outstanding student, attending St. Andrew's Cathedral School in Little Rock, Holy Angels Academy in Jonesboro, Arkansas, and Mount St. Mary Academy in Little Rock, where she was a standout scholar, president of her senior class,

president of the Press Club, editor of The Mount school newspaper, editor of the yearbook and member of the Quill and Scroll Society, holding an interest in journalism that may have inspired four of her sons to earn journalism degrees; and,

WHEREAS, Jane met her future husband, Frank, when she was a student at Mount St. Scholastica College and Frank was a student at St. Benedict's College, both in Atchison, Kansas; and,

WHEREAS, after marrying on October 28, 1948, the couple settled in Kansas City, Missouri, where Frank began a lifelong practice of architecture; and,

WHEREAS, Jane is survived by her devoted sons and daughters-in-law, Michael (Carol), Tom (Mary), and Gerard (Julie) of Kansas City, Missouri; James (Niki Collins) of Washington, D.C.; daughter, Margaret Mary "Meg" Braun of Topeka, Kansas, along with 23 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews; and,

WHEREAS, Jane had a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, turning to the Mother of God for intercession at times of deepest need, particularly at the passing of her daughter Mary Maura and grandson Cody Nichols; and,

WHEREAS, Jane's life was marked by profound love, resilience, and faith, with her enduring spirit leaving an everlasting impact on all those fortunate enough to have known her; and,

WHEREAS, the Jackson County community joins in expressing its condolences to the Grimaldi family on the passing of their beloved matriarch, a woman of grace, compassion, and dedication to the betterment of society; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri that the Legislature hereby honors and remembers the life, achievements, and contributions of Mary Jane Grimaldi and expresses its hope that her legacy of love, compassion, and service continue to inspire generations to come.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan O. Bernsby
County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21499 of December 6, 2023, was duly passed on December 6, 2023 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 8

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 1

12.6.2023
Date

Mary Jo Spino
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature