

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION recognizing the contributions of Mexican American Softball Leagues.

RESOLUTION NO. 21425, October 9, 2023

INTRODUCED BY Manuel Abarca IV, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, and Jeanie Lauer, County Legislators

WHEREAS, Mexican American fast-pitch softball stands as a cherished tradition deeply rooted in the cultural fabric of Missouri; and,

WHEREAS, in the face of discrimination, many Hispanic, Latino, and African American individuals were unjustly excluded from participating in all-white baseball teams; and,

WHEREAS, it was the spirit of resilience that brought families, neighbors, and friends together to form fast-pitch softball teams, a testament to the strength of community bonds; and,

WHEREAS, the steadfast spirit of the following teams has made monumental contributions to the Hispanic and Latino Community across Missouri:

- Los Amigos managed by Ralph Villegas and Paul Waxie Hernandez
- KC Pirates managed by Greg Perez Sr.
- St. John Pevine managed by Anthony Villegas Sr.
- KC Locos managed by Joe Segura and Tony Talavera
- KC Angels managed by Cris Medina
- KC Aztecas managed by Johnny Campos, Jesse Salas, and Daniel Salas
- KC Indios managed by Andy Garcia and Dan Garcia
- KC Reds managed by Eddie Diaz

- Argentine Eagles fast-pitch established in 1948 managed by A.J. Villegas
- The Bravos established in the mid-60s by, Joe “Big Rabbit”, Gilbert Aguirre, and Vinnie and Bubba Hernandez; and,

WHEREAS, the following individuals are recognized and listed in the Paul “Waxie” Hernandez Mexican American Softball Association Hall of fame:

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| Manuel C. Abarca | Henry Hernandez | Joe Morales |
| Tony Aguirre | Heno Hernandez | Lalo Nieto |
| Tony Avila | Jerry Hernandez | Manuel Nieto |
| Bernie Ayala | Pete Hernandez | Nick Olvera |
| Silver Ayala | Ralph Hernandez | John Pacheco |
| Joe Babbosa | Waxie Hernandez | George Perez |
| Joseph (Chico) Barbosa | Joe Jaime | Bernie Porras |
| Antonio Cecena | Tony Jaime | Pete Rodriguez |
| Antony Cecena | John Lopes | Jesse Salas |
| Richard Cecena | Phillip Lopez | Fidel Saucedo |
| Mickey Cisneros | Tony B. Lopez | Fred Saucedo |
| Ike Estrada | Chuck Lumbrano | Loney Saucedo |
| Marselino Fernandez | Joe Marron | Louis Saucedo |
| Joe Garcia | Andy Medellin | Paul Saucedo |
| Nacho Garcia | Manuel Mejia | Vince Saucedo |
| Jess Gonzales | Guadalupe Molina | Frank Solis |
| Gilbert Guerra | Carlos Montes | Tony Talavera |
| Manuel Guerra | Charlie Montes | Paul Valenciano |
| Art Gutierrez | Simon Montoya | Manuel Zuniga |
| Cruz Hernandez | | |

and,

WHEREAS, through the collective efforts of community members and the aforementioned teams, Mexican American fast-pitch softball has transcended state lines, uniting individuals, and leaving an enduring, positive impact on the Hispanic and Latino community not only within Missouri but throughout the entire nation; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri that the Legislature hereby recognizes and celebrates the immeasurable contributions of Mexican American Softball Leagues to the cultural heritage and vitality of our great state.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan O. Worsky

County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21425 of October 9, 2023, was duly passed on October 9, 2023 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 9

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

10.9.2023
Date

Mary Jo Spino

Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature