

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

**A RESOLUTION** congratulating Harrel and Myrtle Johnson on the occasion of their retirement after serving fifty-years as daycare service providers.

**RESOLUTION NO. 18760**, March 16, 2015

**INTRODUCED BY** Frank White, Jr., County Legislator

WHEREAS, Harrel and Myrtle Johnson, owners and operators of Johnson's Day Care of Kansas City, Missouri, are retiring after fifty-years as daycare providers; and,

WHEREAS, Harrel and Myrtle started Johnson's Day Care in 1964 at its location, 2905 Wabash in Kansas City, Missouri, providing education fundamentals, physical education, and devotion to children; and,

WHEREAS, Myrtle and Harrel have helped young people in our community with programs in education and tutoring, cultural enrichment, and job skill training and preparation; and,

WHEREAS, the Johnsons have been involved in Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA), a national welfare program which began in 1965 under the leadership of President Lyndon Johnson; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to their involvement with VISTA, Harrel and Myrtle have also

received numerous awards and recognitions for their community service and volunteer endeavors, including sponsorship of the Kansas City Keys Basketball League, 4H Clubs, the Frank White Day Parade, and other programs promoting respect, dignity, and caring for others in our community; and,

WHEREAS, Myrtle and Harrel are the founders of the Kansas City Juneteenth celebration commemorating African American freedom, and Myrtle and her granddaughter Lakeisha Johnson Graves, were the first Ms. Juneteenth and Princess; and,

WHEREAS, the friends and family of Myrtle and Harrel wish them much happiness in their retirement; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby congratulates Myrtle and Harrel Johnson, on the occasion of their retirement and extends best wishes to them in the future.

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

  
County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 18760 of March 16, 2015, was duly passed on March 16, 2015 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 9

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

3.16.15  
Date

  
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature