

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

**A RESOLUTION** congratulating Hila “Dutch” Newman on the occasion of her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration on August 18, 2015.

**RESOLUTION NO. 18904**, August 17, 2015

**INTRODUCED BY** Dan Tarwater III, Crystal Williams, Frank White, Jr., Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Alfred Jordan, Dennis Waits, Greg Grounds and Theresa Galvin, County Legislators

WHEREAS, Hila “Dutch” Newman, a lifelong Democrat and impassioned leader in Jackson County political circles, is celebrating her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 18, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, Dutch’s birth on August 18, 1920, was appropriately marked by another historic event, the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving women the right to vote; and,

WHEREAS, Dutch has long been known for her love of and service to her community, having been active in Democratic politics since the 1950’s when she faced off in smoke-filled rooms dominated by men discussing candidate endorsements; and,

WHEREAS, in the early 1960’s Dutch founded the Westport Landing Democratic Club, sealing her legacy as a powerful voice in Jackson County politics; and,

WHEREAS, since then Dutch’s credentials have expanded to include services as

President of the Missouri Women's Federation Democratic Club, Vice Chair of the Jackson County Democratic Committee, Chair of the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Senatorial Districts, Founder and President of the 5<sup>th</sup> District Women's Democratic Club, Vice Chair of the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, and the first woman appointed by the governor to serve on a U.S. Senatorial redistricting committee; and,

WHEREAS, Dutch has received numerous awards and recognitions for her service, including the Harry S Truman Award, the Women's 5<sup>th</sup> District Woman of the Year Award, the Senator Harry Wiggins Public Service Award, induction into the Greater Kansas City Women's Political Caucus's Hall of Fame, the Senator Ronnie DePasco Award for Distinguished Service, the Rodger A. Gooden Award, and the COMBAT Community Mother's Award; and,

WHEREAS, Dutch's children, Michele Newman, Phyllis Rice, and Donna Newman, and her grandchildren, Courtney, Phillip, and Christopher, and great grandchildren, Brecken, Crew, Hudson, Colton, Hunter Bell, Emmy, and Hope, and all of her beloved friends extend best wishes on this occasion; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby congratulates Hila "Dutch" Newman on the occasion of her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday and extends best wishes to her in the future.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Chief Deputy County Counselor

  
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County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 18904 of August 17, 2015, was duly passed on August 17, 2015 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 8

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 1

8.17.15  
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Date

  
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Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature