IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION congratulating Lincoln College Preparatory Academy upon receiving the U.S. Department of Education's National Blue Ribbon School Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 18635, October 20, 2014

INTRODUCED BY Crystal Williams, County Legislator

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Education announced September 30, 2014, that Lincoln College Preparatory Academy, a school in the Kansas City Public School District, was named a 2014 National Blue Ribbon School in recognition of its outstanding academic achievement; and,

WHEREAS, earlier this year, Lincoln College Prep was named a State of Missouri 2014 Gold Star School, thus allowing it to be nominated for the National Blue Ribbon Award; and,

WHEREAS, the National Blue Ribbon School recognition program is designed to identify schools that are performing at a high level academically or making exceptional progress; and,

WHEREAS, Lincoln College Prep is the only secondary school in the state of Missouri that received the Gold Star designation this year; and,

WHEREAS, Lincoln College Prep was previously named a National Blue Ribbon School

and a Missouri Gold Star School in 2008, which, under state rules, made the academy ineligible to rejoin the list for the next five years; and,

WHEREAS, Lincoln College Prep was one of only 337 schools, and 48 secondary schools, to receive the National Blue Ribbon designation this year; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to the National Blue Ribbon School recognition, Lincoln College Preparatory Academy was selected by the *U.S. News and World Report* as one of the top eleven public high schools in Missouri and one of the top 1,167 public high schools in the nation; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby congratulates Lincoln College Preparatory Academy upon receiving the U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School Award for its achievements and academic excellence.

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

| APPROVED AS TO FORM: | C2 10 1 1 x |
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| Chief Deputy County Counselor | County Counselor |
| Certificate of Passage | |
| I hereby certify that the attached resolution, R was duly passed on <u>October 20</u> The votes thereon were as follows: | Resolution No. 18635 of October 20, 2014 _, 2014 by the Jackson County Legislature |
| Yeas | Nays |
| Abstaining O | Absent |
| <u>/0·ス0・/ 4</u> Date | Mary Jo Spino Clerk of Legislature |