

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

**A RESOLUTION** in honor of the memory of Rick Brehm.

**RESOLUTION NO. 22285**, June 1, 2026

**INTRODUCED BY** Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator

WHEREAS, Rick Brehm was a Kansas City fashion icon and haberdasher who passed away in May 2026; and,

WHEREAS, Rick Brehm was a prominent Kansas City businessman, best known for his long career in menswear retail and his role in shaping the city's pre-athleisure style scene; and,

WHEREAS, Brehm's professional journey began in the Polo Ralph Lauren store on the Country Club Plaza, which he operated from 1982 to 2004; and,

WHEREAS, in 2004, Brehm opened Hudson & Jane in the Crestwood Shops with his wife, Flo Ann Brehm; and,

WHEREAS, this boutique specialized in European menswear and became more than just a clothing store, it was described as a "clubby" social hub where customers often brought wine to share; and,

WHEREAS, born in western Kansas to educators, Brehm grew up in Hays and Dodge City; and,

WHEREAS, his father, Chuck Brehm, was a basketball coach who won the 1964 national junior college championship and later became head coach at Fort Hays State; and,

WHEREAS, despite his prairie roots, Brehm developed the sensibility of a European clothier, blending traditional tailoring with a personal touch; and,

WHEREAS, Brehm was passionate about polo, sailing, and fine wines; and,

WHEREAS, Brehm was known for his tall stature, booming laugh, and ability to connect with customers on a personal level; and,

WHEREAS, many longtime clients, including lawyers and executives, trusted his taste and enjoyed the relaxed, welcoming atmosphere of Hudson & Jane; and,

WHEREAS, Brehm was one of Kansas City's last true haberdashers, a term for a master tailor or dressmaker, whose influence helped preserve a more formal, European-inspired style; and,

WHEREAS, Rick Brehm was both a respected businessman and a cultural figure in Kansas City, and will be remembered for his craftsmanship, personal warmth, and role in sustaining a distinctive style era; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Jackson County Legislature honors the legacy of Rick Brehm in great fashion.

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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County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 22285 of June 1, 2026, was duly passed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas \_\_\_\_\_

Nays \_\_\_\_\_

Abstaining \_\_\_\_\_

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature