

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and achievements of Hila “Dutch” Newman.

RESOLUTION NO. 19237, August 15, 2016

INTRODUCED BY Crystal Williams, Garry Baker, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Alfred Jordan, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater III Greg Grounds, and Theresa Galvin, County Legislators

WHEREAS, Hila “Dutch” Newman, a lifelong Democrat and impassioned leader in Jackson County political circles, passed away on July 27, 2016; and,

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

WHEREAS, Dutch’s passing came just hours after the first woman became the nominee of a major party for President of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Dutch represented the State of Missouri as a delegate to all Democratic National Conventions from 1968 to 2016; 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, Dutch's credentials included serving as President of the Missouri Women's Federation Democratic Club, Founder and President of the 5th District Women's Democratic Club, Vice Chair of the 5th Congressional District, and the first woman in Missouri 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 5th 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 mourn her passing; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby recognizes the life and extraordinary achievements of Hila "Dutch" Newman, and extends its deepest sympathy to her family and friends.

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. 19237 of August 15, 2016, was duly passed on August 15, 2016 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 8

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

Excused 1

8/15/16

Date



Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature