

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

**A RESOLUTION** honoring the life and achievements of Bill R. Richardson, who passed away May 4, 2018.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19887**, June 4, 2018

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

WHEREAS, Bill R. Richardson passed away on Friday, May 4, 2018 at the age of 87; and,

WHEREAS, after attending Northeast High School and Rockhurst College, Bill followed in his father's footsteps and entered the Painters Apprenticeship Program; and,

WHEREAS, Bill quickly advanced to become a job supervisor and President of Painters Local Union #9, followed by becoming the Executive Secretary and Business Manager of Painters District Council #3 and, in 1970, he moved to Washington, D.C., to become the Administrative Assistant to the head of the International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades; and,

WHEREAS, in 1974, Bill returned to Kansas City and was elected as Secretary-Business Manager (CEO) of the Greater Kansas City Building and Construction Trades Council, an organization made up of eighteen unions; and,

WHEREAS, additionally, Bill served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Missouri State Building and Construction Trades Council, President of the Greater Kansas City Labor Council, Chairman of the International Painters Union Health & Welfare Trust, and Executive Secretary of the Missouri/Kansas Conference of Painters; and,

WHEREAS, Bill loved spending weekends on his farm, raising chickens, ducks, geese, and peacocks, and cultivating hundreds of trees that he grew on his land; and,

WHEREAS, Bill also had a passion for organizing and negotiating for the working men and women of Kansas City, having revived Labor's Educational & Political Club, Independent and the Tuesday 40-Club, which celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017; and,

WHEREAS, Bill is survived by his former wife Irma, daughters Sandy Boring and Susan Yaeger, granddaughters Lisa Spry, Mindy Molinar, Jessica Cardenas, and Kaylee Ettl, great-grandchildren Gage McCleese, McKenna Spry, Meena Molinar, Alora Cardenas, Solphia Cardenas, and Jerianna Cardenas, and his life-partner Jane VanSant, her sister Mitzi VanSant, her brother Jay VanSant, and his wife Barb Tracy; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby recognizes the life and extraordinary achievements of Bill R. Richardson, and extends its deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

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. 19887 of June 4, 2018, was duly passed on June 4, 2018 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 8

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 1

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Date

  
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Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature