

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION congratulating Opal Zucca on the occasion of her retirement after serving for over forty years as a foster parent to more than 465 children.

RESOLUTION NO. 18817, April 27, 2015

INTRODUCED BY Dan Tarwater III, County Legislator

WHEREAS, Opal Zucca, together with her late husband Herbert Zucca, has served as a foster parent to over 465 children in the Jackson County area since 1972; and,

WHEREAS, Opal and Herbert had five children of their own, four biological and one adopted child, Tim, Wyatt, Marta, Colette, and Keisha; and,

WHEREAS, Opal began fostering children after babysitting neighborhood children; and,

WHEREAS, Opal and Herbert considered foster parenthood a calling and a way of giving back to the community; and,

WHEREAS, Opal believes that it is important to develop a positive and mentoring relationship with potential adoptive parents and/or biological parents; and,

WHEREAS, she encourages children under her care to have a relationship with the people that will come to care for these children for the remainder of their lives and

invites the parents to visit in her home; and,

WHEREAS, prior to his death in 2012, Herb was active in the Army and Navy reserves, worked for General Motors at its Leeds Plant, and served as a County Committeeman in the Blue Township for four years; and,

WHEREAS, Opal will retire from foster parenting at the age of 84 when the last baby under her care returns to his biological father this summer; and,

WHEREAS, Opal has numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and also continues to care for children she once fostered, including a young man who is in residential care and visits her each weekend; and,

WHEREAS, in retirement, Opal is looking forward to visiting her children more often, going to the lake, and working in her yard; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby congratulates Opal Zucca on the occasion of her retirement as a foster parent to numerous children in Jackson County 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:

Gay D. Hedden
Chief Deputy County Counselor

W. Stephen Nixon
County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 18817 of April 27, 2015, was duly passed on *May 11*, 2015 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas *8*

Nays *0*

Abstaining *0*

Absent *0*

Excused *1*

May 12, 2015
Date

Mary Jo Spino by Cho
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature