

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION recognizing Raytown Quality Schools during Mentoring Month.

RESOLUTION NO. 22158, February 2, 2026

INTRODUCED BY Donna Peyton, County Legislator

WHEREAS, the Raytown C-2 School District established its mentoring program in 1994 through a grant from the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation and Trusts, originally known as *Youth Friends – A Mentoring Program*; and,

WHEREAS, over the past three decades, this program has evolved into *RayFriends*, a districtwide initiative serving students in all 20 Raytown District Schools; and,

WHEREAS, since its inception, *RayFriends* has fostered meaningful and supportive relationships between hundreds of mentors and mentees, contributing to the academic, social, and emotional growth of students throughout the District; and,

WHEREAS, the District currently supports approximately three dozen mentees who benefit from the time, encouragement, and individualized guidance provided by dedicated community volunteers; and,

WHEREAS, Raytown District Schools proudly partners with *Caring for Kids*, whose collaborative five-step process—preparation, roundtable connection, action planning, implementation, and sustainability—has strengthened the District's ability to connect students with volunteers and essential resources; and,

WHEREAS, the mission of RayFriends is to strengthen student learning and well-being by connecting caring community volunteers with students through consistent, meaningful support, fostering confidence, building positive relationships, and helping every student develop the skills and resilience needed to succeed in school and beyond; and,

WHEREAS, RayFriends has demonstrated measurable positive outcomes, including increased student engagement, stronger social-emotional skills, improved behavior, higher aspirations for postsecondary education and careers, and a more positive and supportive school climate; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that Raytown C-2 School District is hereby recognized during Mentor Month for its longstanding commitment to student success through mentoring, for its leadership in cultivating community partnerships, and for the profound impact RayFriends mentors have on the lives of students across the District; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appreciation is extended to all mentors, volunteers, and partners whose dedication continues to strengthen the Raytown community and empower students to thrive.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan Comish
County Couhselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 22158 of February 2, 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