

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION recognizing Kristen Merrell of the Lee's Summit R-7 School District on the prestigious honor of being named Missouri Teacher of the Year.

RESOLUTION #17664, August 29, 2011

INTRODUCED BY Bob Spence, County Legislator

WHEREAS, Kristen Merrell, a teacher at Lee's Summit Elementary, and the Lee's Summit R-7 School District 2011-2012 Teacher of the Year, was named Missouri's Teacher of the Year on August 23, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Merrell was among six finalists selected from throughout Missouri by a state-wide committee and is the third Missouri Teacher of the Year from the Lee's Summit R-7 School District; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Merrell has been with the R-7 district for twelve years, teaching kindergarten, third, fourth, and fifth grades at Lee's Summit Elementary after previously teaching sixth grade at Prairie View Elementary and at Pleasant Lea Elementary; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Merrell has a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Missouri - Kansas City, a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Webster University, and is currently pursuing a specialist degree in school administration through the University of Central Missouri; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Merrell is a member of the Missouri State Teachers Association, the International Reading Association, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the Lee's Summit High School Booster Club, and she volunteers for the Lee's Summit United Methodist Church's summer lunch program; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Merrell has received thirteen Lee's Summit Educational Foundation PEAK grants, was named Math and Logic Teacher of the Year, was a 2007 state finalist for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, and has received Missouri Title V Grants in 2004 and 2005; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Merrell's husband Tom Merrell, and children, Kennedy, Sydney, and Kellen, are justifiably proud of their wife and mother; now therefore,

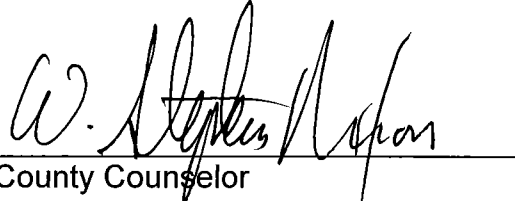
BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby recognizes Mrs. Kristen Merrell on the occasion of the prestigious honor of being named Missouri Teacher of the Year for 2011-2012.

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 #17664 of August 29, 2011, was duly passed on September 12, 2011 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

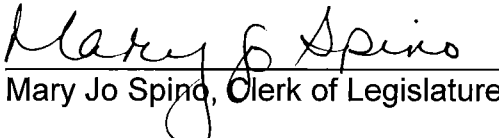
Yeas 9

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

9.13.11
Date



Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature