

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION honoring the legacy of Ruth Delores Hill.

RESOLUTION NO. 22239, April 13, 2026

INTRODUCED BY Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Legislature is saddened by the loss of Ruth Delores Hill, a beloved former employee of the Jackson County Legislative staff, who passed away on March 18, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, Ruth was the eldest child born to Ms. Sadie Norris and Dr. Edward Fisher; and,

WHEREAS, she attended and graduated from Manuel High School in 1958; and,

WHEREAS, Ruth met and fell in love with Lawrence Edward Hill in 1968, and they were married for 20 years; and,

WHEREAS, in 1971, they welcomed their beautiful daughter Latonya Rushell Hill into the world; and,

WHEREAS, Ruth had many careers throughout her life, including working as a nurse's aide and at Western Electric; and,

WHEREAS, Ruth served in various departments in the Jackson County Courthouse - Accounting and Finance, Legislative aide, Assistant CRO, Prosecutors Department, Collections, and County Counselors; and,

WHEREAS, it was in 2011 that Ruth retired from the Jackson County Courthouse after serving for over 25 years in the Jackson County Legislative office and various departments; and,

WHEREAS, she was a spiritual and faithful member of the Metropolitan Spiritual Church of Christ, where, in 2011, she had the honor of serving on the Board of Trustees; and,

WHEREAS, Ruth had the joy of helping other people in her community; and,

WHEREAS, she was known for looking flawless, always having her hair and nails done, along with her beautiful clothing choices; and,

WHEREAS, Ruth, they say, was a diva since birth, when asked about her age, she would always say, "39 and holding"; and,

WHEREAS, Ruth leaves behind a daughter, her son-in-law, a granddaughter, and many nieces and nephews to shine in her legacy; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Jackson County Legislature honors the legacy of Ruth Delores Hill.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Whitney S. Miller
County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 22239 of April 13, 2026, was duly passed on April 13, 2026 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 7

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 2

4.13.2026
Date

Mary Jo Spino
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature