

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION recognizing Lowell Joerg, known as the “Postcard Man,” for his gift to Jackson County of a postcard featuring the County Courthouse from 1906.

RESOLUTION NO. 20247, September 9, 2019

INTRODUCED BY Theresa Galvin, Dan Tarwater III, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Charlie Franklin, and Jeanie Lauer, County Legislators

WHEREAS, Lowell Joerg, a 91-year-old resident of Stockton, CA, recently sent Jackson County a postcard he found in an antique shop featuring the 1906 Jackson County Courthouse; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Joerg is affectionately known as the “Postcard Man” for his stories of finding old postcards of places around America and sending them back where they came from; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Joerg likes to end his letters with “I like to call my little hobby a ‘re-distribution of happiness’ – our world sure needs it;” and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Joerg has been re-distributing happiness for the past twenty-five years, receiving replies from across the country, including letters from school children, cash for a lunch with his wife, and Oreos from Nabisco; and,

WHEREAS, in Mr. Joerg’s letter to Jackson County, he said he found the postcard of

Jackson County's old courthouse located at 5th and Oak Streets in Kansas City, MO, at an antique store in California; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Joerg's letter went on to say, "It's an old time classic for sure so I said to myself, by golly, I think I'll send it home where it can be appreciated. Our heritage is important to us all and should be preserved. Enlarged and posted up it will cause some nice conversation;" and,

WHEREAS, many recipients of Mr. Joerg's postcards say they are still working in the buildings featured on his postcards, but for Jackson County, our current downtown Courthouse replaced the one in the photograph, under the leadership of our former presiding judge, Harry S Truman; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby recognizes Lowell Joerg for his thoughtful remembrance of our former downtown courthouse and the accompanying heartfelt letter.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jim P. Hadler
Chief Deputy County Counselor

Bryan O. Conish
County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 20247 of September 9, 2019, was duly passed on September 9, 2019 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 8

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 1

9-9-19
Date

Mary Jo Spino
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature