

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION honoring Fred Arbanas on the occasion of his retirement and for his forty-two years of dedicated service to Jackson County.

RESOLUTION NO. 18697, December 15, 2014

INTRODUCED BY Theresa Garza Ruiz, Crystal Williams, Scott Burnett, Kenneth T. Bacchus, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Greg Grounds, and Bob Spence, County Legislators

WHEREAS, as the longest serving member of the Jackson County Legislature, it is appropriate that on the occasion of Fred Arbanas's final meeting, that the Legislature should honor and recognize his dedicated service to the citizens of Jackson County; and,

WHEREAS, Fred has served the legislature for 42 years, a time that has included over 2,000 legislative and committee meetings, 4,710 ordinances, and 18,697 resolutions; and,

WHEREAS, Fred was first elected to represent the fourth district at-large of the newly formed fifteen-member Legislature on November 7, 1972, the same election in which Richard Nixon was elected to his second term as president; and,

WHEREAS, since taking office in January 1973, Fred has been re-elected ten more times, served with sixty-five other legislators and seven County Executives; and,

WHEREAS, throughout his eleven terms on the Legislature, Fred was elected Chair of the Legislature four times, has been the long-standing chair of the Land Use Committee, and a champion of the County's parks and recreation programs and facilities; and,

WHEREAS, Fred's efforts as a County Legislator brought about health insurance and a pension plan for the County's employees, improved roads in unincorporated parts of the County, and an upgraded sewer system that brought about economic development throughout previously undeveloped parts of the County; and,

WHEREAS, although injuries forced the former Chief's number 84 to retire from the playing field in 1970, Fred has gone on to become a beloved "statesman" for the community he has called home since he joined the Chiefs; and,

WHEREAS, Fred's colleagues have held him in the highest esteem, considering him one of the "good guys" and he will be deeply missed by County employees and officials; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby congratulates Fred Arbanas on his retirement and extends best wishes to him for forty-two years of dedicated and loyal service to the citizens of Jackson County.

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 No. 18697 of December 15, 2014, was duly passed on December 15, 2014 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 8

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 1

12.15.14
Date


Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature