IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Raytown High School Debate and Forensics squad upon its ranking in the top five percent in the nation by the National Forensics League.

RESOLUTION NO. 18298, November 4, 2013

INTRODUCED BY Bob Spence, County Legislator

WHEREAS, the Raytown High School Debate and Forensics squad has been ranked in the top five percent in the nation by the National Forensics League; and,

WHEREAS, this marks the fourteenth time in the past seventeen years that Raytown High School's debate squad has been ranked in the top five to ten percent bracket; and,

WHEREAS, the squad prepares for competitions by following the district's motto "Expect the Exceptional"; and,

WHEREAS, debate squad teacher, Mark Harris, stresses to his students that championships are won with practice and preparation and trophies are picked up at the tournament; and,

WHEREAS, the annual rankings by the National Forensics League are based on competitive and service related activities the students participate in throughout the year; and,

WHEREAS, student participation in speech and debate programs can help prepare them for college and/or careers by improving reading, listening, speaking, writing, and critical thinking skills; and,

WHEREAS, speech and debate can influence multiple aspects of students' lives by developing social and academic confidence in the student participants; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature congratulates the Raytown High School Debate and Forensics squad on its ranking in the top five percent in the nation and extends sincere best wishes for continued success in the squad's future endeavors.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:	100
Chief Deputy County Counselor	County Cogniselor
Certificate of Passage	
I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 18298 of November 4, 2013, was duly passed on, 2013 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:	
Yeas	Nays
Abstaining	Absent
	Excused
11-4-13	Mary Spino
Date	Mary Jo Spino Clerk of Legislature