

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of North Kansas City Police Officer Daniel Francisco Vasquez, who was killed in the line of duty on July 19, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 21021, August 1, 2022

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

WHEREAS, North Kansas City Police Officer Daniel Francisco Vasquez passed away July 19, 2022, after being shot during a traffic stop; and,

WHEREAS, prior to becoming a policer officer, Officer Vasquez served as an “Avenue Angel” for the Independence Avenue Community Improvement District, working for Titan Security; and,

WHEREAS, businesses and residents of the Northeast Community remember Officer Vasquez as an exemplary officer who greeted people by name while ensuring their safety; and,

WHEREAS, whether someone was houseless or living in a grand mansion, Officer Vasquez treated that person with respect, care, and concern, handing out water and community resources to all people he interacted with, while leaving them with words of encouragement and a smile; and,

WHEREAS, Officer Vasquez worked diligently at developing partnerships with the Kansas City Police Department and other first responders and is remembered by the

Kansas City Police Department and other first responders and is remembered by the community for his love of life and love of the residents he served; and,

WHEREAS, in 2018, Officer Vasquez was recognized for his efforts to apprehend a suspect who was wanted on active warrants, including a federal warrant for attempted murder at an Independence Avenue business; and,

WHEREAS, Officer Vasquez was viewed as a hero to Northeast Community residents after he performed CPR on a community member until emergency services arrived, an action for which he received a Life Saving Award; and,

WHEREAS, Bobbi Baker, CEO and President of the Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, said of Officer Vasquez, "His broad shoulders carried the heavy load and yet he had a smile that would light up the Avenue"; and,

WHEREAS, Officer Vasquez was laid to rest on July 27, 2022, and was posthumously presented with the North Kansas City Police Department Medal of Valor; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby honors the life and achievements of Officer Daniel Francisco Vasquez and extends its condolences to his family, friends, and the communities he served.

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. 21021 of August 1, 2022, was duly passed on August 1, 2022 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 8


Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 1

8-1-2022

Date



Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature