



# Jackson County Missouri

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## Legislation Text

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### IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

**A RESOLUTION** congratulating Ciera Flowers on her receiving the Sponsor's Favorite Award in the Seventh Annual COMBAT/Granddad's Poetry Contest.

**RESOLUTION # 15513**, June 6, 2005

**INTRODUCED BY** Henry C. Rizzo , County Legislator

WHEREAS, as a Northeast Middle School eighth grader, Ciera Flowers received the Sponsor's Favorite Award at the Seventh Annual COMBAT/Granddad's Poetry Contest; and,

WHEREAS, the COMBAT/Granddad's Poetry Contest encourages middle and high school students to write about assets in their lives that will keep them drug free and requires their poems to include certain key words to describe how their "Adult of the Year" assists them in their struggles; and,

WHEREAS, contest winners were awarded cash prizes donated from local businesses in the amounts of ten to one hundred dollars (\$10.00-\$100.00), and the two grand prize winners were awarded \$1,500.00 scholarships from the University of Missouri-Kansas City; and,

WHEREAS, over four hundred (400) students from twenty-two (22) schools entered a piece of poetry in this year's contest in which the words "asset" or "fortitude" were required to be used; and,

WHEREAS, Ciera's Adult of the Year was her mother, Helen Settles; and,

WHEREAS, in her free time, Ciera volunteers with neighborhood children to help them adapt to a computer-driven environment and spends time with her thirteen (13) year old brother who has Down's Syndrome; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature congratulates Ciera Flowers on receiving the Sponsor's Favorite Award and wishes her well in all her future endeavors.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Acting Chief Deputy County Counselor

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County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution # 15513, June 6, 2005, was duly passed on \_\_\_\_\_ June 6 \_\_\_\_\_, 2005 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas \_\_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

Abstaining \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

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Date

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Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature

MY ADULT OF THE YEAR

I was so young; I could still remember the look on her face  
When they told her my brother would never be like the other  
Children no matter how much she may hope and pray.  
I hated seeing her look that way. As I look in her face now I  
See the patience, the love, the fortitude, to help him overcome any  
Obstacle, that look inspires me each and everyday.  
With three kids, a grandchild on the way, no job, that  
Would be enough to make anyone quit.  
She's able to stretch and \$800.00 check each month to buy  
Food, pay bills, and love us all without a job. The fortitude of  
Her love will never allow her to submit.  
Now that I'm growing older and becoming a woman  
Myself the things that she's given me that are most precious  
And valuable are not to be measured by gold.  
My momma is "My Adult of the Year" because the  
Fortitude she shows me everyday leads me to all the things I  
Need to make it in this life. All that I see I will remember and  
Forever hold.