



# Jackson County Missouri

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## Legislation Text

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

**A RESOLUTION** expressing the sympathy of the Legislature and the County Executive to the family, friends, and fans of Derrick Thomas upon the occasion of his untimely death.

**RESOLUTION # 13098**, February 14, 2000

**INTRODUCED BY** Victor E. Callahan, Bill Petrie, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Terry Young, and Bob Spence, County Legislators

WHEREAS, it was with great sorrow that family, friends, and fans of Derrick Thomas learned of his tragic death on February 8, 2000; and,

WHEREAS, Derrick Thomas was a man of distinction, one who not only excelled in his public life but devoted countless hours of his personal life to charitable endeavors; and,

WHEREAS, Derrick Thomas began his professional football career as a linebacker with the Kansas City Chiefs in 1989, earning the title of NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year; and,

WHEREAS, his career continued to gain momentum, and in 1993 he received the NFL's most prestigious award, the Edge NFL Man of the Year, for his community activities; and,

WHEREAS, in 1995 Derrick Thomas won the Bryon "Whizzer" White Humanitarian Award for service to his team, community and country; and,

WHEREAS, in 1999, Derrick played his final season with the Kansas City Chiefs, ending an illustrious football career; and,

WHEREAS, one of Derrick Thomas' greatest accomplishments was his founding of The Third and Long Foundation, a renowned reading program for inner-city youth in Kansas City; and,

WHEREAS, through this program, a vast network of enrichment programs, camps, and relationships evolved; and,

WHEREAS, Derrick Thomas took children to renowned restaurants on their birthdays, luncheons at Arrowhead, gave them Chiefs tickets, and read to children at local libraries through this literacy program; and,

