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IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION congratulating Shirley Fearon on her 25 years with Research Mental Health Services, and wishing her well on her retirement.

RESOLUTION 10322, May 16, 1994

INTRODUCED BY Fred Arbanas, County Legislator

WHEREAS, Shirley Fearon is retiring as President/CEO of Research Mental Health Services, after 25 years of consistently exceptional service to the mental health delivery system in the state of Missouri; and,

WHEREAS, a native of Massachusetts, Mrs. Fearon received a B.S. degree in nursing from Boston University and her Masters degree from the University of Kansas; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Fearon is married to Ralph Fearon, Quality Control Manager of AT&T Communications in Lee's Summit, MO; and,

WHEREAS, in 1967 she became involved in the formation of the organization which was to become Research Mental Health Services, including establishing a non-profit board, applying for a federal community mental health center grant, fund raising, building the mental health facility in Lee's Summit and opening for services as a comprehensive center in 1974; and,

WHEREAS, in 1976, Mrs. Fearon became the executive director of the mental health center and was later named President and Chief Executive Officer; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Fearon served as a member of the Mayor's Task Force on AIDS and was instrumental in the development of the AIDS Council and also served as the first chairman of the Service Provider Network; and,

WHEREAS, she has also served as a member of the task force involved with the anti-drug sales tax and was very instrumental in helping to revitalize the old St. Mary's Hospital (now Trinity North) into a viable service delivery facility in the downtown area; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Fearon's organization affiliations include membership on the Missouri Advisory Council for Comprehensive Psychiatric Services and the Truman Medical Center Board of Governors and serving as Clinical Instructor for the University of Missouri School of Medicine and an Adjunct Instructor in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing at the University of Kansas; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Fearon has received many awards over the course of her career including the Area VII Regional Distinguished Service Award from the National Council of Community Mental Health Centers; and,

WHEREAS, as President/CEO of Research Mental Health Services, Mrs. Fearon has had the primary responsibility for the operation of the agency which provides a broad array of services for children, adolescents, adults, and elderly, including mental health and substance abuse services for individuals, groups, and inpatients, residential treatment, and partial day, emergency, and crisis in home services, forensic and correctional system diversion, educational and preventive services, and rehabilitation; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Fearon deserves the very highest degree of praise and recognition for her work, and there are many people living productive and healthy lives as a result of her personal commitment; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature congratulates Shirley Fearon on her 25 years with Research Mental Health Services, and wishes her success and satisfaction in all of her future endeavors.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution #10322 of May 16, 1994 was duly passed on _____ by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas _____ Nays _____

Abstaining _____ Absent _____

Date _____
Mary Jo Brogato
Clerk of Legislature