



# Jackson County Missouri

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## Legislation Text

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IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION recognizing author James C. Hays upon the publication of his book, " I'm just an ordinary girl." The Sharon Kinne Story.

RESOLUTION #11978, December 8, 1997

INTRODUCED BY John Patrick Burnett, Dan Tarwater, Victor E. Callahan, County Legislators

WHEREAS, James C. Hays began his writing career nearly 30 years ago while serving in the service, where he wrote political pieces and short fictional skits; and,

WHEREAS, through the years he has also wrote several short stories and poetry; and,

WHEREAS, in late 1995, Mr. Hays began his research for a book which he ultimately called "...I'm just an ordinary girl." The Sharon Kinne Story; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Hays' interest in Sharon Kinne stemmed from childhood memories of living close to an area where Ms. Kinne was accused of murdering a woman; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Kinne grew up in the Independence area and became front page news in the 1960s as a long tale, unfolded leading to her possible involvement in three murders, including that of her husband, her lover's wife, and a man she met in Mexico; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Hays' investigation for the book took him all over the country, conducting interviews with people connected with Ms. Kinne; and,

WHEREAS, one of his most memorable and positive experiences in his research was found at the Jackson County Records Center where he found information to incorporate into his book; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Hays is not only an author, but has also been a factory worker at Allied Signal for 20 years; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Hays has two children and lives in Sibley, Missouri, with his wife Dorothy; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Hays has served on Independence's Mayor's Storm Water Advisory Board, the Sibley City Council, and served as Sibley's mayor for one year; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby recognizes James C. Hays for his new book, "... I'm just an ordinary girl." The Sharon Kinne Story, and wishes him success in future sales of his book...Attorney  
Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution # 11978 of December 8, 1997, was duly passed on \_\_\_\_\_ December 8 \_\_\_\_\_, 1997 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas \_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

Abstaining \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Mary Jo Brogato, Clerk of Legislature