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IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION congratulating Dr. Paul James, Superintendent of Fort Osage School District, upon becoming the Missouri Superintendent of the Year for 2000.

RESOLUTION # 12997, December 13, 1999

INTRODUCED BY Dennis Waits and Terry Young, County Legislators

WHEREAS, each year the Missouri Association of School Administrators (MASA) selects a school superintendent who exemplifies strong leadership skills, focuses on student learning, and participates in school and community activities; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul James, Superintendent of the Ft. Osage School District, exemplifies these characteristics and has been chosen by MASA as Missouri Superintendent of the Year for 2000; and,

WHEREAS, because of his strong leadership skills, focus on student learning, effective communication abilities, and participation in school and community efforts, Dr. James was a likely choice for this prestigious award; and,

WHEREAS, with a strong sense of pride in the Fort Osage School District, Dr. James has led the District in building level planning resulting in increased resources and programs focusing on student performance issues, smaller class sizes, professional development and new teacher evaluation systems, increased opportunities for students, and development and implementation of a comprehensive electronic curriculum format; and,

WHEREAS, student improvements during Dr. James' tenure include:

- Percent of students scoring above national average on ACT increased from 17.5% to 45%
- Percent of students taking ACT having taken core classes increased from 30-64%
- Percent of graduates enrolled in college increased from 26-50% in 1999
- Results from Terra Nova assessment increased in every subject grade level at every grade level in 1998-99

- Suspensions in and out of school decreased 40% in grades 7-12
- Dropout rate decreased from 6-8% range to 3.5 - 5%
- Drug and alcohol incidents down from a high of 39 to 14 in 1998-99

and,

WHEREAS, Dr. James is involved in the Missouri Association of School Administrators, Midwest Superintendent's Association, Mid-American Association of School Superintendents, American Association of School Administrators, Independence Chamber of Commerce, Independence Rotary Club, University of Missouri-Kansas City Education Department Advisory Committee and the Metropolitan Community College Advisory Committee; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature congratulates Dr. Paul James upon his selection as Missouri Superintendent of the year for 2000, and commends him for making the students in the Ft. Osage School District his first priority.

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 # 12997 of December 13, 1999 was duly passed on _____ January 10 _____, 2000 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas _____ 8 _____ Nays _____ 0 _____ 1 Vacancy

Abstaining _____ 0 _____ Absent _____ 0 _____

_____ Date

_____ Mary Jo Brogato, Clerk of Legislature