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IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION commending Debra Nelson, Associate Superintendent of the Hickman Mills School District, for her commitment to excellence in providing community based educational programs and services for at risk youth.

RESOLUTION 13641, March 26, 2001

INTRODUCED BY Dan Tarwater, County Legislator

WHEREAS, Debra Nelson began her employment with the Hickman Mills School District in August 1990 as principal of Ruskin High School; and,

WHEREAS, in 1992 she became principal of Smithhale Junior High and later served as the district's associate superintendent in charge of curriculum and instruction prior to becoming associate superintendent of the district in 1999; and,

WHEREAS, Debra, a visionary, enlightened and dedicated to excellence, assumed a significant leadership role in a partnership between Jackson County Family Court Services and the Hickman Mills School District, to initiate collaborative and community based social/educational programs for the youth at risk of becoming offenders and citizens of Hickman Mills; and,

WHEREAS, she applied for grants to secure funding from outside sources, and co-authored a application grant funded by the Missouri Department of Public Safety to establish the first school based truancy court in the State of Missouri at Smithhale Junior High School; and,

WHEREAS, through Debra's commitment and tireless effort, the Hickman Mills School District and Jackson County Family Court Services have accessed additional funding to provide for community based programs, including ACHIEVE (A Child's Health Indicates the Value of Education), ASSP (Alternative to School Suspension in School), PASS (Prevention Advocacy & Supervision in School), and Project Turnaround (An Adventure- Based Outdoor Counseling), and,

WHEREAS, her dedication to Jackson County youth programs in the Hickman Mills School District has influenced other school districts to collaborate and partner with Jackson County Family Court Services; and,

WHEREAS, Ab Tehrani of Jackson County Family Court Services has stated, "Debra is considered as a true friend and advocate of the youth of our community; and,

WHEREAS, due to her personal commitment to the youth of the district, Debra deserves a high

degree of praise and recognition; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature recognizes and commends Debra Nelson for her outstanding service and commitment to providing community based educational programs for at risk youth in the Hickman Mills School District.

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 13641 of March 26, 2001 was duly passed on _____ March 26 _____, 2001 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas _____ 8 _____

Nays _____ 0 _____

Abstaining _____ 0 _____

Absent _____ 1 _____

Date

Mary Jo Brogoto, Clerk of Legislature