



# Jackson County Missouri

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## Legislation Text

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### IN THE LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

**A RESOLUTION** expressing the sympathy of the Legislature to Michele "Poochie" Ferguson and other family members and friends of James Henry Wilkinson, upon the occasion of his death.

**RESOLUTION # 13193**, May 1, 2000

**INTRODUCED BY** Ronald E. Finley, County Legislator

WHEREAS, it was with great sorrow that family and friends learned of the death of James Henry Wilkinson; and,

WHEREAS, Coach Wilkinson was born March 27, 1917, in Anniston, AL, to Orrist Scott and Miles Wilkinson; and,

WHEREAS, he received his early education in the public school system in St. Louis, MO, at Vashon High School; and,

WHEREAS, Coach Wilkinson received his Bachelor of Science degree at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, MO, his Masters of Science in Education at the University of Southern California, in Los Angeles, and served as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army in 1943; and,

WHEREAS, Coach Wilkinson worked as basketball coach at Lincoln University in 1942, Paseo YWCA in Kansas City as director of the sports program from 1943-44, history and physical education teacher at R.T. Coles Vocational School from 1945-56, physical education teacher at Lincoln Junior High from 1956-58, assistant principal at Central High School from 1959 to 1968 where he served as the first African American head coach, Assistant Executive Director of the NCAA in 1968, and head director of the National Summer Youth Sports Program from 1961 until his retirement in 1981; and,

WHEREAS, Coach Wilkinson was a member of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church and occasionally attended Paseo Baptist Church; and,

WHEREAS, Coach Wilkinson is survived by his daughter Michele (previously a marriage license clerk in the Jackson County Records Department and currently the assistant to the compliance review officer for the County Legislature) and son James Scott "Scotty," his grandchildren Brittny Helena Cole Ferguson, Brett Lamarr Ferguson, Jr., Sidney Shea Webster, and Paige Nicole Wilkinson and brother Edward Wilkinson; and,

WHEREAS, Coach Wilkinson was predeceased by his wonderful wife Martha Helen, and one brother, Crawford (McGee) Wilkinson; and,

WHEREAS, Coach Wilkinson James will be remembered by his ever-loving spirit and as an encourager and will be greatly missed by those who were a part of his life; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature, joined by County Executive Katheryn Shields, hereby extends its deepest sympathy to Michele Ferguson and other family members and friends of Coach James Henry Wilkinson, upon the occasion of his death.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution # 13193 of May 1, 2000 was duly passed on \_\_\_\_\_ May 1 \_\_\_\_\_, 2000, by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_      Nays \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_  
Abstaining \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_      Absent \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Mary Jo Brogoto, Clerk of Legislature