



# Jackson County Missouri

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## Legislation Text

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### IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

**A RESOLUTION** congratulating Harvey A. Jones Engineering Co., Inc., upon the occasion of its 150th anniversary and recognizing its accomplishments as a leader in civil engineering and land surveying.

**RESOLUTION # 14198,** May 28, 2002

**INTRODUCED BY** Victor E. Callahan, County Legislator

WHEREAS, Harvey A. Jones Engineering Co., Inc., a family-owned Jackson County-based engineering firm, is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary; and,

WHEREAS, in 1849, Martin O. Jones moved from New York to Jackson County, and three years later founded the Martin O. Jones Company, now known as Harvey A. Jones Engineering Co., Inc; and,

WHEREAS, while operating the family-owned business, Martin O. Jones was appointed Jackson County Surveyor by Governor Sterling Price in 1855; and,

WHEREAS, in 1874, he was hired by the United States government to survey the Santa Fe Trail from Fort Leavenworth, KS, to Fort Union, NM, in order to settle a dispute over mileage rates being paid to freight haulers; and,

WHEREAS, following his father, Robert Hudspeth Jones took over the family business at the turn of the century; and,

WHEREAS, in 1919, Robert was appointed city engineer for the City of Independence and held this position until his retirement in 1943; and,

WHEREAS, the third generation businessman, Harvey A. Jones, began working for his father in 1932, and held the position of city engineer for the City of Independence from 1944-1951; and,

WHEREAS, he served as City Engineer for the cities of Sugar Creek, Buckner, Lee's Summit, Raytown, Grandview, and Blue Springs; and,

WHEREAS, in 1958, Harvey became the first chairman of the Missouri Water Pollution Board, appointed by Governor James Blair; and,

WHEREAS, he served as Jackson County's highway engineer for sixteen years and was credited with being the moving force behind the creation of the Little Blue Valley Sewer District and much of

