



# Jackson County Missouri

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## Legislation Text

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

**A RESOLUTION** expressing the sympathy of the Legislature to the family and friends of Bernice J. Conley, upon the occasion of her death.

**RESOLUTION 13579**, February 26, 2001

**INTRODUCED BY** Victor E. Callahan, Bill Petrie, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett,  
Ronald E. Finley, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Terry Young,  
and Bob Spence, County Legislators

WHEREAS, Bernice J. Conley was born July 8, 1920, to Charles and Julia (Murray) Regan; and,

WHEREAS, she was a lifelong member of Redemptorist Parish and graduated from Redemptorist High School in 1938. She was an active member of the school's PTA from 1952 until 1973 and served as president of the association in 1958; and,

WHEREAS, in 1966 Bernice became the first women elected to a county-wide office in Jackson County when she was elected County Clerk, running as a member of the original "Committee for County Progress."; and,

WHEREAS, she was re-elected as County Clerk in 1970 and appointed as Clerk of the new County Legislature in 1973 when the new charter form of government became effective, serving in that office until her retirement in 1991; and,

WHEREAS, Bernice was selected County Clerk of the year in 1986 by the National Association of County Recorders and Clerks, and served on the association's board of directors for 24 years, with two years as Treasurer (1987-1989); and,

WHEREAS, Bernice was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, Jack Conley; sisters and brother-in-law, Mary Gibbs and Helen and Leonard Fetters, sister-in-law, Edna Regan and brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Madeline Regan and John and Virginia Regan; and,

WHEREAS, Bernice is survived by her daughter, Carol, and son-in-law, Feliz Valdivia, two sons, Michael and John Conley, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, her brothers, twin Bernard "Buddy" Regan, and Joe and Teresa Regan, brothers-in-law Edward Gibbs and Lawrence Doherty, and sisters-in-law Margaret Gudeyko and Nancy Doherty; and,

WHEREAS, Bernice, a devoted wife, mother and longtime Clerk of the Jackson County Legislature, died peacefully in her sleep on Wednesday, February 7, 2001; and,

WHEREAS, "Bernice served the county for many decades as an excellent clerk and an excellent public servant...**she was dedicated to the taxpayers of Jackson County and will be sorely missed," said Victor Callahan, Chairman of the Jackson County Legislature; and,**

WHEREAS, at the direction of County Executive, Katheryn Shields, the Jackson County Courthouse flag was flown at half-mast on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of February, in memory of Bernice Conley; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature expresses its sympathy to the family and friends of Bernice J. Conley upon the occasion of her 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 13579 of February 26, 2001 was duly passed on \_\_\_\_\_ March 5 \_\_\_\_\_, 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