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COUNCIL BILL 2021- 002 RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION

1 RECOGNIZING the life of former Missouri State Representative B.J. Marsh.
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4 WHEREAS, B.J. Marsh was born on February 21, 1940, in Pennsboro, Missouri;
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7 WHEREAS, B.J. graduated from Greenfield High School in 1958 and moved to
8 Springfield later that same year; and
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10 WHEREAS, he had a passion for people and their welfare, establishing Marsh
11 Travel where he ran escorted motor coach tours through North America, often
12 highlighting Missouri along the way; and
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14 WHEREAS, in 1988, he took his passion further, running for the Missouri House
15 of Representatives and serving until 1992; and
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17 WHEREAS, after losing a tight House race in the 1992 election, B.J. was notably
18 gracious in defeat; and
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20 WHEREAS, eight years later, he ran for and won the same seat, serving from
21 2001-2009; and
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23 WHEREAS, Representative Marsh was the House sponsor of legislation which
24 successfully changed the name of "Southwest Missouri State University" to "Missouri
25 State University."
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27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
28 SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, as follows, that:
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30 Section 1 – City Council hereby honors the life of B.J. Marsh, recognizes his
31 achievements, and gives thanks to the many contributions he made to his community.
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33 Section 2 – This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

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35 Passed at meeting: _____

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Mayor

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41 Attest: _____, City Clerk

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44 Filed as Resolution _____

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47 Approved as to form: Rhonda Lewsader, City Attorney

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50 Approved for Council action: Juan A. Hays, City Manager

EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL 2021-002

FILED: 01-05-21

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: City Council

PURPOSE: To recognize the life of B.J. Marsh and the notable contributions he made to Springfield.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: B.J. Marsh was a long-time resident of Springfield, a prolific businessman, and a public servant. B.J. served in the Missouri House of Representatives in two non-consecutive stints: 1988-1992 and 2001-2009. In his time serving in the state legislature, he represented Springfieldians nobly. He played an instrumental role in carrying the bill to drop the "Southwest" from Southwest Missouri State through the Missouri House. His passion and work ethic were felt by all who met him.

REMARKS: City Council wishes to recognize B.J. Marsh's many accomplishments and dedicated service to the citizens of Springfield.

Submitted by:

Approved by:


Anita J. Cotter, City Clerk


Jason Gage, City Manager