RESOLUTION NO. 2015-018

A RESOLUTION recognizing the election of Senator Ron Richard of Joplin as the new President Pro Tem of the Missouri Senate in a vote by the Republican caucus of the Senate on Tuesday, September 15, 2015.

WHEREAS, Senator Richard served on the Joplin City Council from 1990 to 1997, including two terms as Mayor, and has also served on many local boards and commissions from 1981 to present; and

WHEREAS, Senator Richard was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Senator Richard was elected Speaker of the House in 2008 and was the first area lawmaker to hold the post since Richard Webster, in 1954; and

WHEREAS, Senator Richard was elected to the Missouri Senate in 2010, and was the first Speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives elected to the Missouri Senate in more than 100 years; and

WHEREAS, Senator Richard was elected Senate Majority Leader in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Senator Richard is the first individual in Missouri history to hold the posts of Speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives and President Pro Tem of the Missouri Senate; and

WHEREAS, Senator Richard credits support from his colleagues for further advancing his leadership; and

WHEREAS, Senator Richard has been involved in efforts to promote economic development in the state since his election and has traveled with the governors of both parties on trips to meet with officials of corporations considering building or expanding their businesses.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, as follows:

That the City of Joplin does hereby recognize and congratulate Senator Ron Richard on the distinguished appointment of being elected President Pro Tem of the Missouri Senate.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this 21st day of September, 2015.

ATTEST:

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Barbara L. Hogelin, City Clerk Michael L. Seibert, Mayor