

## **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 545**

Whereas, the members of the Missouri Senate are deeply saddened by the news of the passing of Alice Kitchen of Kansas City, Missouri, who entered her heavenly home on November 14, 2025, and was laid to eternal rest during a public memorial service at the Spencer Theatre on January 17, 2026; and

Whereas, Alice Kitchen grew up in the Brookside neighborhood of Kansas City, graduated from Bishop Hogan High School, and continued her education to receive a bachelor's degree in sociology from Immaculate Heart College and a master's degree in social work from the University of California-Los Angeles; and

Whereas, a champion for women's and children's rights, Alice Kitchen is fondly remembered as someone who never gave up on a cause, advocating for people who often went ignored and for equality; and

Whereas, Alice Kitchen dedicated her career to helping others and worked in social services at Children's Mercy Hospital for more than twenty years until retiring as the social services department director in 2012; and

Whereas, establishing Amethyst Place alongside several community members, Alice Kitchen was instrumental in leading the supportive housing program, serving countless mothers and children for twenty-five years; and

Whereas, Alice Kitchen fiercely advocated for others through her membership of the Kansas City Human Rights Commission, where she was the chair of the commission's Task Force on Gender Equity, and the Loretto Community; and

Whereas, a partner with the Kansas City Public Library, Alice Kitchen valued the importance of literacy and

education, helping with planning and promoting library programs each year during Women's Equality Week; and

Whereas, Alice Kitchen also co-founded the Women's Equality Coalition of Greater Kansas City in 2012 and has donated the organization's records, including reports, brochures, and promotional materials, to Missouri Valley Special Collections, which are available for patrons and researchers to access by request at the Central Library; and

Whereas, a volunteer for various civic affairs and longtime supporter of women's rights, civic engagement, and voter education, Alice Kitchen was honored to have received the Champion of Change Award from President Barrack Obama in recognition of her efforts; and

Whereas, now joining her beloved husband, Ron, in eternal rest, Alice Kitchen's incredible legacy will be remembered and honored by her niece, Jill Katz, and a host of family, friends, and the entire Kansas City community:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate, One Hundred Third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, join in honoring the legacy of Alice Kitchen, who fought for equality, advocated for women and children, greatly loved her family and friends, and left an everlasting impact on all she knew.