

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 42
HONORING MRS. ETTA JOHNSON**

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2021, Mrs. Etta Johnson of the City of St. Louis will celebrate her one-hundredth birthday; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Johnson and her husband Mr. Theodore Jimmie Johnson were married on September 15th, 1936, and to this union were born five children; Ruth, Theodore, Jon, Sheila and Gail; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Johnson was the first black woman to work at F.W. Woolworth in Maplewood, Missouri where she was employed as a cook; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Johnson went on manage the employee cafeteria for the chemical and pharmaceutical company Malinkrodt where she worked for many years providing meals to nearly 1,500 employees each day; and

WHEREAS, during her decades of service at Malinkrodt Mrs. Johnson also spent many years in coveralls and a hard-hat working on factory floor ultimately retiring from the factory in March of 1984; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Johnson is renaissance woman with a love for travel having visited many places from New York City to Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Johnson's travels took her to the 1992 Olympic Trials in New Orleans and San Diego for the 2003 Super Bowl; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Johnson accompanied her grandchildren when the left to attend college at Grambling, University of Arkansas, Notre Dame University and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Johnson now enjoys spending her time with family and friends, and doing puzzles and adult coloring books.

NOWTHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to honor Mrs. Etta Johnson for all of her contributions to her community and to wish happy one-hundredth birthday. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place and deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 17th day of June, 2021 by:
The Honorable Jesse Todd, Alderman 18th Ward**

Adopted this 17th day of June, 2021 as attested by:

**Terry Kennedy
Clerk, Board of Aldermen**

**Lewis Reed
President, Board of Aldermen**