

Resolution Number 121
Erna Gehle

WHEREAS, Erna Gehle was born August 29th, 1914, and has been a resident of the City of St. Louis for eight decades; and

WHEREAS, Erna moved to St. Louis after graduating from high school in Illinois; she found employment at Suburban Tires and later Skruggs Drug Store; and

WHEREAS, Erna joined Messiah Lutheran Church shortly after coming to St. Louis and has been an active member ever since; and

WHEREAS, she joined the Evening Guild, a church group that would later become the Dorcas Society, raising funds to help meet the needs of the poor both within and outside the church; and

WHEREAS, Erna loves doing for others. The Dorcas Society cooked and made crafts to sell in order to buy robes for the seminary students assigned to the church; and

WHEREAS, Erna is up to date on church happenings as well as the activities of her nieces, nephews, friends and their children; and

WHEREAS, what pleases Erna most is that young families are joining her church and bringing with them their toddlers and also giving birth to more children; and

WHEREAS, these days Erna Gehle loves to relax and enjoy visits by members of the church where she treats them to lunch at Laclede Groves where she resides.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to honor and recognize Erna Gehle on the joyous occasion of her 100th birthday. Along with her church family and many friends, we wish Erna continued peace and happiness and wish her well on her special day. 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 presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 5th day of September, 2014 by:

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen

Adopted this the 5th day of September, 2014 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen