

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 33
HONORING ROSA LEE BAKER**

WHEREAS, we are delighted to pause in our deliberations to honor and recognize Ms. Rosa Lee Baker on the occasion of her 100th Birthday; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rosa Lee Baker, lovingly known as “Aunt Roll Lee”, “Aunt Rosa” ,“Ms. Baker” and “Rose” by family and friends, was born on June 4, 1921 in Birmingham, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Baker accepted Christ at an early age. She was educated in the Birmingham Public Schools. Her first jobs included the school cafeteria and a Children’s shop; and

WHEREAS, she moved to St. Louis, Missouri in 1947 with her mother Bertha Baker and only sibling, her sister, Eula Cooley; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Baker has been a resident of the City of St. Louis for 74 years. During that time, she was married and had one son, William Glenn Baker. She was employed at the Chase Park Plaza Hotel for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, she loves the Lord and often speaks of her gratitude to Him for “keeping me every day.” She has been blessed, since 1960 to be a proud member of Greater Mount Carmel Baptist Church, formerly under the leadership of Pastor Earl Nance, Sr; and

WHEREAS, since joining Greater Mount Carmel, Ms. Baker has served in the music ministry and sang soprano in the Nance Choral Chorus. She has served as a Booster, and currently is a member of the Mother’s Board. Her current Pastor is Rev. Earl Nance Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Baker’s favorite songs include “I don’t know about tomorrow, but I know who holds my hand” and “Call Him up and tell Him what you want”; and

WHEREAS, she often reminds everyone of how blessed she is to be living independently at the McCormack House in the Forest Park Southeast neighborhood, where she cares for all of her activities of daily living with the exception of grocery shopping and doctor visits; and

WHEREAS, her current family includes: 5 living nieces, one nephew, 7 great nieces, 8 great nephews, a host of great-great nieces and nephews as well as a play-daughter and many friends.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to express our congratulations to Ms. Rosa Lee Baker and wish her the best on her 100th 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 deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 4th day of June, 2021 by:

The Honorable Tina Pihl, Alderwoman 17th Ward

The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President, Board of Aldermen

The Honorable Sharon Tyus, Alderwoman 1st Ward

The Honorable Lisa Middlebrook, Alderwoman 2nd Ward

The Honorable Brandon Bosley, Alderman 3rd Ward

The Honorable Dwindlerlin Evans, Alderwoman 4th Ward

The Honorable James Page, Alderwoman 5th Ward
The Honorable Christine Ingrassia, Alderwoman 6th Ward
The Honorable John Coatar, Alderman 7th Ward
The Honorable Annie Rice, Alderwoman 8th Ward
The Honorable Dan Guenther, Alderman 9th Ward
The Honorable Joseph Vollmer, Alderman 10th Ward
The Honorable Sarah Martin, Alderwoman 11th Ward
The Honorable Bill Stephens, Alderwoman 12th Ward
The Honorable Anne Schweitzer, Alderwoman 13th Ward
The Honorable Carol Howard, Alderwoman 14th Ward
The Honorable Megan E. Green, Alderwoman 15th Ward
The Honorable Thomas Oldenburg, Alderman 16th Ward
The Honorable Jesse Todd, Alderman 18th Ward
The Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward
The Honorable Cara Spencer, Alderwoman 20th Ward
The Honorable John Muhammad, Alderman 21st Ward
The Honorable Jeffrey Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward
The Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23rd Ward
The Honorable Bret Narayan, Alderman 24th Ward
The Honorable Shane Cohn, Alderman 25th Ward
The Honorable Shameem Clark Hubbard, Alderwoman 26th Ward
The Honorable Pamela Boyd, Alderwoman 27th Ward
The Honorable Heather Navarro, Alderwoman 28th Ward

Adopted the 4th day of June, 2021, as attested by:

Terry Kennedy
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen