

**RESOLUTION 94**  
**MOTHER SUSIE ANNIE PURYEAR- LAMBERT**

**WHEREAS**, Susie Annie Puryear- Lambert is the 5th child, born to Phillip Montgomery Puryear and Rosie Lee Wilson- Puryear on August 30th, 1918, in Somerville Tennessee. She has 10 siblings, five sisters: Viola, Willie, Pearline, Addie Mae and Sallie Ann, and five brothers: Henry, Junius, Arthur, John and Spencer; and

**WHEREAS**, as a child, she loved being outdoors. She picked and chopped cotton and helped her family with farming. Her family raised everything they ate except flour and sugar; and

**WHEREAS**, growing up, Mrs. Lambert attended Mount Olive School and worshiped at Fredonia Methodist Church. She later met and married Arthur Lee Lambert. They left Somerville Tennessee following her sister Pearline who had already made St. Louis her home. After only being in St. Louis for a day, her husband Arthur, accepted an offer to work as a contractor for a real estate company. This relocation began the start of their new endeavors; and

**WHEREAS**, Mother Lambert remained a praying woman and found a new church home at Ephesus M. B. Church under the leadership of Reverend P. J. Taylor. Within two months of living in St. Louis, Mother Lambert was offered a job to work for the family of Mrs. Helen Swartz, where she worked 36 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Mother Lambert began attending Friendly Temple Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Robert Fulton Davis around 1972, when it was located on Belt Avenue. She became a faithful and active member by joining the Usher Board Ministry; and

**WHEREAS**, Mother Susie Annie Puryear- Lambert has resided on Shawmut Place for 56 years, actively serving as a member of Block Unit 886; and

**WHEREAS**, she still attends Friendly Temple Missionary Baptist Church regularly and after many dedicated years to God and her church, she is a member the Mother's Board Ministry under the leadership of Pastor Michael Fulton Jones, Sr. whom she watched grow and develop into his call to the preaching ministry; and

**WHEREAS**, Mother Lambert has always been observant and likes watching things grow. She was 80 years old when she purchased the lot next to her home and used the land to produce cabbage, greens, string beans, okra, corn, butter beans, flowers and cotton. Neighbors always praise her for having a beautiful yard and a great country garden. She is proud of her garden. In fact, to this day you may find Mrs. Lambert working in her yard during the warm months and during the winter months; cooking, canning, spring cleaning and caring for her indoor plants.

**WHEREAS**, a few of her favorite sayings are messages learned from her Mother: "I am not going to sow anything because I am not going to reap nothing," "Don't try to pay back a person that have wrong you," and "Don't snitch, gossip or judge, as, God is the judge of all;" and

**WHEREAS**, Mother Lambert thanks God every day for her good eyesight and feels blessed to be celebrating her 100 birthday. She says God has given her wonderful insight to avoid harms way and eyesight to still thread a needle without glasses.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Alderman of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to celebrate Mother Susie Annie Puryear- Lambert and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to include a copy of this Resolution in the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a memorial copy for presentation at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 17th day of August, 2018 by:

**The Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward**

Adopted this 17th day of August, 2018, as attested by:

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