

**RESOLUTION NO. 100**  
**Living Legend: Bobbie Dolores Gotiear**

**WHEREAS**, Bobbie Dolores Gotiear will be honored by friends and relatives on the occasion of The Living Legend Award Ceremony September 3, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Bobbie Dolores was born October 23, 1929, to Oleander Benbow and Rufus Harris; and

**WHEREAS**, Bobbie Dolores married Stanley Odelbert Gotiear, Artillery Specialist in the United States Army; they had two daughters, Juanita and Mariannette; the couple spent years apart and reunited with the addition of two more children, Synethia and Rene' David whom Bobbie Dolores graciously accepted as her own, loved, and nurtured to adulthood; and

**WHEREAS**, Bobbie Dolores worked two jobs as a post-surgical aide and a surgical technician and later opened and coordinated an eye clinic for a team of Ophthalmologists; she later started her social service career for the State of Missouri; she never allowed challenges to stop her from accomplishing her goal, whether it was caring for her children or overcoming illness, hardship, pain, and loss in her life; she embraced a "Program" of healing and started her recovery process; and

**WHEREAS**, Bobbie Dolores, a graduate of Washington University, also became certified as an Alcohol and Drug Counselor and was one of the first Gambling Counselors; she served many in our community with empathy, compassion, understanding, wisdom, acceptance, and competence; and

**WHEREAS**, Bobbie Dolores embraced the church, she was a member of Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in St. Louis for more than a decade; and

**WHEREAS**, she relocated to Lawton, Oklahoma and became a significant member of the community; she became a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church and has continued to serve in various capacities including counseling, choir, and trustee board and has been an honored "Mother" of the Church for nearly 20 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Bobbie Dolores not only served the individual in achieving recovery, she assured that masses of our community would be ensured continued services by volunteering to serve on multiple boards in the Lawton Community; and

**WHEREAS**, Bobbie Dolores retired from the Social Services of the State of Missouri and later retired from a full career of the Recovery Programs and the Catholic Charities; today she continues to counsel young boys at a community facility; and

**WHEREAS**, Bobbie Dolores is loved and treasured by many nationwide; she has loved her brother as herself; Bobbie Dolores's latter days are greater than her earlier days; Bobbie Dolores has a zest and zeal for life; she is a Living Legend.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to thank Ms. Bobbie Dolores Gotiear for her years of service to our community and our world. 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 at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 3rd day of September, 2016, by:

**The Honorable Christine Ingrassia, Alderwoman 6th Ward**

Adopted the 3rd day of September, 2016, as attested by:

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Timothy O'Connell  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen