

**Resolution 114**  
**Columbus Edwards**

**WHEREAS**, this honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis has been apprised that on September 9, 2015 Columbus Edwards will be celebrating his 90th birthday; and

**WHEREAS**, Columbus served in the Army from 1943 - 1946 and fought in World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, Columbus received a Medal for Sharp Shooting. He had a few nicknames and was sometimes called "The Port" because he used to recite poetry and sometimes called "The Crooner" because he loved to sing; and

**WHEREAS**, he is a homeowner and has lived in the same home in the City of St. Louis since 1946; and

**WHEREAS**, Columbus married Alexine Edwards in 1955, and was married to her until 2012 when she passed away; and to that union they had a daughter, Joan Herron and one grandchild Veronica; and

**WHEREAS**, Columbus retired from Monsanto after working there for 16 years; and he traveled the world for the next 12 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Columbus started a non-profit called "The Whole New Area" in 1992 to help improve the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Columbus was active in the community and local politics in 1992 and served as Committeeman for the 19th Ward for 15 years; and

**WHEREAS**, he has been a member of True Light Church for the last 10 years

**WHEREAS**, he has worked for the License Collector's Office for 8 years and counting and is the oldest employee working in any Office of St. Louis City government; and

**WHEREAS**, his hobbies include: building computers, playing guitar and violin, of which he still plays, painting portraits of people as a gift to them without them knowing he was doing it, and working as an amazing tailor constructing his own suits as well as for others.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we happily pause in our deliberations to recognize and congratulate Columbus Edwards on his 90th birthday, as well as honor him as the oldest employee for his many years of service to the City of St. Louis, we direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and 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 the 25th day of September, 2015 by:

**Honorable Marlene E. Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward**

Adopted this the 25th day of September, 2015 as attested by:

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Donna Evans-Booker  
Assistant Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen