

RESOLUTION NUMBER 166
Myrtle L. Harris

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that the 106th birthday celebration of Myrtle L. Harris was celebrated on September 22, 2013; and

WHEREAS, she is most likely the oldest resident of the Greater Ville. Her residence is located at 4717 Lexington Avenue where she has resided since the home was purchased by the family, approximately 50 years ago; and

WHEREAS, Myrtle L. Harris was born in Fitzhugh, Arkansas, and moved to St. Louis in 1955 from Cotton Plant, Arkansas with her husband, Jesse B. Harris Sr. Their goal was to provide educational opportunity for their two sons, Foster and Jesse. Both Myrtle and her husband were middle age at the time and uprooting the family was a sacrifice. She instilled educational attainment and good values in her children who have achieved well and gave both parents the satisfaction they wanted. Jesse earned a Ph.D. from St. Louis University and Foster a Master's Degree from Webster University; and

WHEREAS, Myrtle was a stay at home mother with strong religious values. She is a mother of Washington Tabernacle Missionary Baptist church, 3200 Washington Blvd and was active in the women's ministry of the Church until late in life, 102; and

WHEREAS, she worked with Project Cope and the Emanuel Lutheran church's prison ministry for many years in the Greater Ville. Her greatest contribution to the neighborhood might be that she modeled good citizenship and encouraged many to be good citizens for all of her life.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate and honor Myrtle L. Harris on her 106th birthday and we wish her continued achievement and happiness and 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 on the 15th day of November, 2013 by:

Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward

Adopted this 15th day of November, 2013 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen