

**Resolution 191**  
**Bertha Earline Jones**

**WHEREAS**, Bertha Earline Jones was born on January 3, 1928 in Sturgis, Mississippi to Clinton and Mary Miller; and

**WHEREAS**, “Mother” Jones is celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> year with 9 children, 25 grandchildren, and 43 great-grandchildren; her extended family, church family, and many friends; and

**WHEREAS**, Bertha was married to John D. Jones on February 26, 1947 until his passing in 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, though she originally desired to become a nurse, she graduated cosmetology school and practiced as a renowned stylist, known best for her impeccable hot-comb and finger-wave skills; and

**WHEREAS**, at 90, Mother Jones is active and being kept by God – able to walk around the neighborhood, tread the stairs in her 2-story home, attend church every Sunday (dressed like a fashion-plate), travel, and meet with friends and family; and

**WHEREAS**, she has standing appointments scheduled to celebrate birthdays with her old school social club members, known as “The Golden Girls” who have been going strong since the 1980’s; and

**WHEREAS**, Bertha served in her home church, formerly known as Pentecostal Temple C.O.G.I.C., for decades as the Choir President of the Adult Choir and Vice-President of the Usher Board. The church re-established as Roseview C.O.G.I.C, where she serves as a member of the Mother’s Board; and

**WHEREAS**, she has the God-Given gift of song and is known for tearing up many churches throughout the St. Louis area after her rendition of the classic gospel “I’m Just Holding On.” Thus landing her the nickname “Holding On Jones;” and

**WHEREAS**, as Matriarch of the family she is the “go to” person for information concerning family members and is the glue that holds the family together. Bertha is a woman of great faith, honesty, love, spiritual discernment and a love for God that runs deeper than any ocean – and she also makes a mean banana pudding.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we join with the family and friends of Bertha Earline Jones in wishing her a happy 90th birthday, and we further wish her peace and good health as we 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 this 5th day of January, 2018 by:

**The Honorable John Collins-Muhammad, Alderman 21st Ward**

Adopted this 5th day of January, 2018 as attested by:

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Donna Elliot  
Assistant Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen