

Resolution Number 95
97th Birthday
Dorothy "Dot" Abeln

WHEREAS, Dorothy "Dot" Marie Abeln was born in the City of St. Louis on September 8th, 1918 to William and Teresa Abeln; and

WHEREAS, her mother died tragically in a fire at the age of 22 when Dorothy was one year old. Dorothy was then moved to 618 Jackson Street where she was raised by her grandmother and other loving family members; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy graduated from Holy Cross Catholic Grade School in 1933; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy married James "Jim" Gartland on August 23, 1941 at Holy Cross Church and who died on November 30, 1978 after 37 years of happy marriage; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy worked at Emerson during World War II manufacturing airplane parts for the war effort and later worked for Corran Printing Company for 35 years until her retirement in 1983; and

WHEREAS, James and Dorothy purchased a home on 8864 Lowell in Baden in 1954 where she would live and beautifully maintain for the next 61 years; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy would meet Ray Douglas in 1986 and be a loving couple until his death in 2005, and

WHEREAS, Dorothy has lived 96 years of her life in Baden in the City of St. Louis, and is loved and treasured by all who know her.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to celebrate the 97th Birthday of Dorothy "Dot" Marie Abeln 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 31st day of August, 2015 by:

Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23rd Ward

Adopted this 31st day of August, 2015 as attested by:

Donna Evans-Booker
Assistant Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen