

## Resolution Number 168

### Alice Augusta Burch Okrafosmart

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that on November 29, 2013, Mrs. Alice Augusta Burch Okrafosmart will celebrate her glorious 100<sup>th</sup> birthday; and

**WHEREAS**, Alice was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and was the sixth child of Samuel and Laodieca Burch; and

**WHEREAS**, Alice was educated in the St. Louis Public School System where she attended L'Overture, Banneker, and Marshall Elementary Schools and she graduated in 1931 from Sumner High School; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1938, Alice Burch graduated from the Homer G. Phillips School of Nursing, she was one of the first nurses to complete the rigorous training program. This past June (2013), Alice was recognized as the oldest living graduate of Homer G. Phillips School of Nursing; and

**WHEREAS**, a year after her graduation, Alice moved to Chicago, Illinois and accepted a job at Provident Hospital; during that time she received a BSN from the University of Illinois, Public Health Certification from Loyola University and her Physical Therapy Certification from Northwestern University in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, her many years as a public health nurse were rewarding, caring for patients confined to their homes due to polio or other orthopedic impairments—she was dedicated to her profession and was featured in local newspapers for her work in the healthcare field. She retired in 1982 from the Cook County Department of Health; and

**WHEREAS**, after a 50 year absence Alice returned to St. Louis where she is a faithful member of the All Saints Episcopal Church and remains very active with the Homer G. Phillips Nurses Alumni Association. Alice exercises three times a week at the Page YMCA and participates in research programs that focus on identifying specific exercises beneficial to seniors; and

**WHEREAS**, Alice never lost her thirst for knowledge and as matriarch of the family she stays well-informed on current affairs through newspapers as well as electronic media; she is deeply loved and admired by her nieces, nephews, and their families as she continues to guide and support them; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize, Mrs. Alice Burton Okrafosmart on the occasion of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Along with her family, we celebrate her charismatic wit and humor, beautiful smile, contagious laugh, zest for life, and her uncompromising generosity. 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 this on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013 by:

**Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward**  
**Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen**

Adopted this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013 as attested by

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen