

BY ALDS. HAMILTON, HINES, COGGS, KOVAC, WADE, BOHL, DONOVAN, WITKOWSKI

Resolution recognizing and congratulating Johnnie Lu Rogers-Watson on the occasion of reaching her 103rd year.

WHEREAS,

JOHNNIE LU ROGERS-WATSON

celebrated a milestone birthday, her 103rd year on earth, on June 18, 2013 and friends and family gathered to honor her on her birthday at the Washington Park Bandshell; and

WHEREAS, *Johnnie Lu Rogers-Watson was born June 18, 1910 in Forrest City, Arkansas but was raised in St. Louis, Missouri by her grandparents Emma and Major Rogers where she set the example as a loving daughter to her elderly grandmother whom she cared for with loving devotion and every ounce of energy; and*

WHEREAS, *Johnnie Lu Rogers-Watson has dedicated her time to those she loves and to the citizens of her community as a registered nurse at St. Luke's Hospital for more than 40 years, and as an entrepreneur and teacher, she owned Watson Beauty School of Cosmetology; and*

WHEREAS, *Johnnie Lu Rogers-Watson was raised heavily in the church and led by her spiritual lifestyle, she was one of the original founders of the Temple Church of Christ Apostolic Faith where she served as prayer warrior, greeter, Mother's Board, communion server and usher president for the Midwest district council of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World's Convention and as a committed servant of the people she also made and sold church hats, suits, dresses, prayer pillows, ceramic pottery, cakes, pies and dinners for those in need; and*

WHEREAS, *Johnnie Lu Rogers-Watson has enjoyed the many pleasures of life traveling around the world and to many countries while remaining a devout member of her current church, Open Door International Ministries, 2845 W. Fond du Lac Ave. (inside the Bethesda Community Senior Center); and*

WHEREAS, *Johnnie Lu Rogers-Watson was married to Mr. Al Watson, who preceded her in death, and without any children of her own she helped raise her brother's children while being a mother figure to many others and an inspiration to generations of nieces and nephews; and*

WHEREAS, *Johnnie Lu Rogers-Watson has reached her 103rd birthday and serves as an inspiration to her family and friends; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Johnnie Lu Rogers-Watson on reaching her 103rd birthday and extends for her its sincere wishes for continued health and happiness; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Johnnie Lu Rogers-Watson in recognition of her 103rd birthday.*

Introduced by Common Council members Ashanti Hamilton, Willie L. Hines, Jr., Milele A. Coggs, Nik Kovac, Willie C. Wade, Jim Bohl, Robert G. Donovan and Terry L. Witkowski and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council May 21, 2013.