

RESOLUTION No. 15-663

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised that Roberta Jones King will observe her 100th birthday during a celebration to be held September 12, 2015, at Madkins Chapel; and,

WHEREAS, Mother Roberta King is the daughter of the late Percy Jones and Janie Smith Watkins. She was born in Madison County, Alabama. She was married to the late Elder Oliver King, Sr., and they blended a family of three daughters and three sons; and,

WHEREAS, for more than fifteen years, she managed “Granny’s Day Care” in her home and provided pre-school care for more than ten children of working mothers. In 1989, the working mothers for whom she had provided day care service recognized her at a luncheon given in her honor. In March of 1993, she was publicly recognized for being a charter member (1951-1993) and treasurer of Twilight Chapter Number 788, Order of Eastern Star; and,

WHEREAS, Mother King attended the Madison County Schools as well as the Huntsville City Schools Adult Continuing Education Classes; and,

WHEREAS, she is a member of the Madkins Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America where her pastor is the Reverend Endia J. Scruggs. Since being at Madkins Chapel, she has served in various capacities: For several years, she served as president of the Senior Missionary Society and Advisor to the Junior Missionary Society; For two years, she served as Co-Coordinator of Vacation Bible School; For a number of years, she served as Chairperson of the Pastor’s Anniversary Committee for the late Reverend Robert L. Blackburn; On September 22, 1991, she was recognized for having served as President of the Mothers Auxiliary for more than thirty-five years; In 2004, she was presented the Essie Toney Service Award; and,

WHEREAS, currently, she is a member of the Mother’s Auxiliary, the Women’s Day, and Pastor’s Anniversary Committees. Mother King is a regular attendee of morning worship at Madkins Chapel and until latter years, was regular in her attendance at Bible Study and Sunday School. She has been a member of the Missionary Society of the Huntsville Presbytery for more than sixty years, having served on the Education, Scholarship, and the Future Works Committees; and,

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2015, she was crowned “Woman of the Year” by the National Missionary Society of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America at the Annual Woman of the Year Luncheon held at the Von Braun Center in Huntsville, Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, every spring, she looks forward to supervising the selection and planting of plants for her beds of flowers. Mother King enjoys cooking, traveling, dining out, and entertaining her family and friends.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge, congratulate, and extend best wishes to Roberta Jones King, in honor of her 100th Birthday. May you have continued success in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED this the 10th day of September, 2015.

President of the City Council of
the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 10th day of September, 2015.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama