

RESOLUTION NO. 16-347

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised that Mrs. Gracie Lee Russell will celebrate her 100th year of life during a reception to be held at First Missionary Baptist Church on Saturday, May 28, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, Gracie Lee Russell was born on May 23, 1916, in New Market, Alabama. She was the second of five children to the Late Elijah and Dorothy Lee Wherry. She was born in the area where Buckhorn High School stands today and has lived all her life in this area; and,

WHEREAS, Gracie Lee Russell believed in living off the land by raising chickens, pigs, cows, and growing a garden. She would can fruits and vegetables in the summer for the winter; and,

WHEREAS, at this age of 100, she still quilts, does word puzzles, and tells stories and jokes to many generations; and,

WHEREAS, Gracie Lee Russell has raised her family, Joe Eddie, Lawrence "Bill", Katherine "Cat", Robert (Deceased), Margaret (Deceased) and Corrine (Deceased); and,

WHEREAS, Gracie Lee Russell continues to enjoy her legacy of five generations having 8 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, 11 great-great grandchildren, 4 nieces, 1 nephew, and a host of great nieces and great nephews; and,

WHEREAS, to all generations, family, and close friends, she is everybody's "Momma Gracie".

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 Mrs. Gracie Lee Russell on reaching a milestone 100 years of life. May you have continued success in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of May, 2016.

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

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama