

**Resolution Number 92**

Mrs. Verdellia Ridley

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Verdellia Ridley, also know as “Baby Doll”, will be celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday; and

**WHEREAS**, Verdellia was born on August 14, 1925. She graduated from Sumner School in Kansas City in 1943; and

**WHEREAS**, she married Louis Ridley in 1947 and moved to St. Louis in 1948. Her husband preceded her in death in 1961. To this union, 2 daughters were born: Patricia Ward and Pam Olumoya; 2 grandsons, Dr. Johathan Olumoya, MD and Nicholas Olumoya; and

**WHEREAS**, she is a member of the Antioch Baptist Church and worked various ministries including the food pantry for 20 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Verdellia continues to be a mainstay of the community. She is a tireless worker and attendant of neighborhood and Democratic rallies. She has labored determinedly to insure that the Baden neighborhood remains a safe and viable community; and

**WHEREAS**, Verdellia has been a resident of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward since 1974. She has been an active member of the Baden Improvement Association and Block Units 1075 & 1130 until their demise. She is currently involved in the Northside Neighborhood Association and the 2nd Ward Organization; and

**WHEREAS**, after 30 years of service, Verdellia retired from the St. Louis Housing Authority in 1988. She has truly cherished every moment of retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, Verdellia enjoys helping family and friends by taking them shopping and to the doctor’s office. She is an ace in spades.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to join the friends, residents, and community leaders of the Baden neighborhood to recognize Mrs. Verdellia Ridley and we 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 this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015 by:

**Honorable Dionne Flowers, Alderman 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward**

Adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015 as attested by:

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Donna Evans-Booker  
Assistant Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen