

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING MRS. IRENE HAYNES WOODS
ON HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY**

WHEREAS, Mrs. Irene Haynes Woods was born in Orangeburg, South Carolina on September 1, 1914; and relocated to Stamford in 1923; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Irene Haynes Woods received her education at Rice, Stevens and Burdick Schools in Stamford, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Irene Haynes Woods remained a resident of Stamford, Connecticut for ninety-one years, serving as operating room assistant until her retirement in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Irene Haynes Woods has been a dedicated and active member of Union Baptist Church in Stamford, Connecticut for eighty-four years, founding the Church's Flower Guild and as a member of numerous ministries, including Ushers, First Aid Unit, Grounds, Henrietta Hopkins Nursery, Culinary, South Carolina, Welcome, Willing Workers , and Women's Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her years of service to the Union Baptist Church, Mrs. Irene Haynes Woods was given the title of Church Mother in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Irene Haynes Woods has a passion for the cultivation of flowers, which led to her development of magnificent gardens throughout the City of Stamford, including, at Clinton Avenue, Long Ridge, the Yerwood Center, and the Belltown School Elderly Housing Facility; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Irene Haynes Woods was a devoted wife to her beloved husband, Mr. William Woods, for forty-six years; and is an exemplary matriarch and friend who is profoundly dedicated to her family and who serves as an inspiration to all who know her.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 29th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford congratulates Mrs. Irene Haynes Woods on the occasion of her 100th Birthday.

Submitted by Clerk of the Board Annie M. Summerville

Approved by the 29th Board of Representatives this 4th day of August, 2014

Randall M. Skigen, President

Annie M. Summerville, Clerk