

Testimonial Resolution

SARAH RUTH BLESSMAN

Happy 90th Birthday!

WHEREAS, Sarah Ruth Blessman was born July 19, 1933, serving in roles such as daughter, sister, aunt, wife ("pumpkin"), mother, "mother other", grandmother, and great grandmother ("GG"), community activist, citizen, friend, advisor, and overall spreader of information (gossiper); **AND**

WHEREAS, she served as housekeeper, nursing assistant, dental assistant, birthing assistant, nanny, singer, and community cook; **AND**

WHEREAS, she has seen and lived through the introduction of the television, telephones going from party lines to telephone booths on the corner to smart phones to facetime calls and emojis, the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, racial inequities in employment and education, race riots of the 1960's, the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., the first Black President (Barack Obama, yay!), financial crises, the housing crisis, and a Covid pandemic, and surviving the disease itself, from movie theaters to streaming movie services, from dancing together, to soul train lines, to dancing the hustle in groups; **AND**

WHEREAS, she is responsible for bringing 4 children, 10 grandchildren ("4,3,2,1"), and 6 great grandchildren (and more expected) into this world; **AND**

WHEREAS, she always brings joy, laughter, wisdom, kindness, love, patience, tenderness (sometimes a "rod" when it has been needed), and a reverence for God; **AND**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we celebrate the life and especially the 90th birthday of Sarah Ruth Blessman, who has clearly added value to the lives of many and especially our community. We say thank you and wish you many more years of health and prosperity; **AND**

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Office of City Council President Mary Sheffield, and the entire Detroit City Council hereby express our collective celebration of you. You truly exemplify the "Spirit of Detroit".

"Yeah Well"


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