



Las Vegas **City Council**

Proclamation

- Whereas; The Mayor and members of the Las Vegas City Council recognize Audrey James as friends and family gather to celebrate her 100th Birthday on, July 13, 2014; and*
- Whereas; Audrey James began her teaching career in 1948 at Globe Academy School in Mississippi where she taught for three years; and*
- Whereas; Audrey James was married to the late Isaiah James of Mississippi. She is the only remaining sibling of 4 brothers and 3 sisters; and*
- Whereas; In 1955, she earned \$4,000 a year as a beginning teacher at the historic Westside School. During that time, a teacher was not required to have a degree. She taught at Westside until its closing in 1967. Prior to retiring in 1978, she taught at Madison, Paul Culley, Jo Mackey, and Laura Dearing elementary schools; and*
- Whereas; She received her Bachelor of Science in Education plus a Master's Degree from Nevada Southern University (now UNLV). In 1971, she visited East Africa on an international seminar. She toured schools in Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania. Upon returning to the United States, she organized a Compassion Library to send books to students in Kenya; and*
- Whereas; Audrey James has been a member of Calvary Baptist Church since 1984. She is the Assistant Treasurer, Director and Supervisor of FISH Inc., which is an emergency assistance program that feeds senior citizens and low income individuals 4 days a week. She also plays the piano for the Children's Choir; and*
- Whereas; After retiring, she tutored for the Nevada Literacy Council. Thereafter, she established the Community Reading Center located on Madison Street on the Westside of Las Vegas. Later when the Center moved to the Neighborhood Learning Center, she taught welfare mothers reading and math under the auspices of the Clark County Community College; and*
- Whereas; She is a proud member of the Westside School Alumni Foundation and is a contributing writer in their award winning book; Westside School Stories, Our School, Our Community, Our Time (1923-1967); and now*
- Therefore; In great recognition of Audrey James' outstanding contributions to education to the residents in the Las Vegas community and in great celebration of her 100th birthday, we the Mayor and members of the City Council do hereby proudly proclaim,*

July 13, 2014

Audrey James Day

In the City of Las Vegas

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