



City of Woodland

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: July 7, 2009

SUBJECT: Certificate of Recognition – Emily Collins

Report in Brief

The City Council has been requested to issue recognition to a family member of a local person who had been a slave prior to the Civil War in Woodland and Yolo County. This person will be celebrating her 90th birthday soon and the family will be holding a reunion to celebrate her life.

Staff recommends that the City Council issue a Certificate of Recognition to Ms. Emily Collins for the contributions that her family has made to the County and City and recognize and wish her well on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

Background

The City of Woodland and the County of Yolo were shaped by pioneer families, some of which succeeded with the aide of the slaves prior to the Civil War that were a part of our history at that time. One of those slaves, Benjamin Longruss, was one of the first slaves in the area. His granddaughter, Emily Collins will be celebrating her 90th birthday this year. The family of Mr. Longruss and Ms. Collins would like to acknowledge the contributions of their family in a celebration of the life of Ms. Collins during a family reunion gathering in Sacramento on July 31 through August 2, 2009 and have asked for this recognition.

Recommendation for Action

Staff recommends that the City Council issue a Certificate of Recognition to Ms. Emily Collins for the contributions that her family has made to the County and City and recognize and wish her well on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

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CITY OF WOODLAND
CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

EMILY COLLINS

WHEREAS, the City of Woodland and the County of Yolo have a long history of pioneer families who shaped our area; and,

WHEREAS, many of these pioneer families would not have succeeded without the aide of the slaves prior to the Civil War that were a part of our history at that time; and,

WHEREAS, a slave by the name of Benjamin Longruss worked for two prominent families and was one of the first slaves in the area; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Longruss' granddaughter, Emily Collins will be celebrating her 90th birthday this year; and,

WHEREAS, the family of Mr. Longruss and Ms. Collins would like to acknowledge the contributions of their family in a celebration of the life of Ms. Collins during a family reunion gathering in Sacramento on July 31 through August 2, 2009;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Woodland would like to thank and commend Ms. Collins, the Collins family and the Longruss family for their contributions to the history of our area, wish Ms. Collins well on her attainment of her upcoming 90th birthday and wish many more years of sharing her life with her loved ones.

Dated this 7th day of July, 2009

Marlin H. Davies, Mayor

Artemio Pimentel, Vice-Mayor

Martie L. Dote, Council Member

William L. Marble, Council Member

Jeff W. Monroe, Council Member