

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND

*In recognition of dedicated service to the blind of the nation,
the National Federation of the Blind bestows this Certificate of Appreciation upon*

Idessa Redden

in grateful recognition of the generous assistance given to help the blind achieve better lives.



Marc Maurer
President

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ANNUAL COMMEMORATION

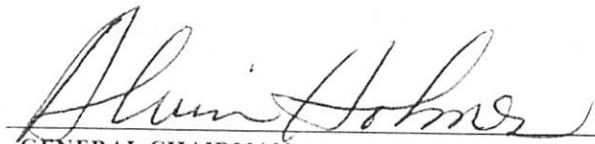
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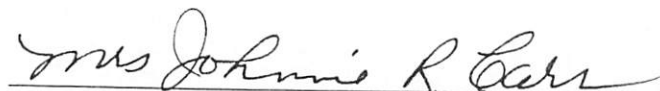
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IN GRATEFUL RECOGNITION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE
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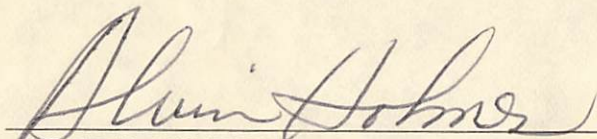
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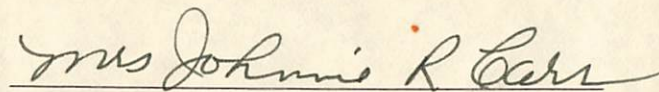
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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Presented to IDESSA REDDEN

for Outstanding Service to

THE HEAD START PROGRAM AND THE COMMUNITY

Date DECEMBER 14, 1990

By *Virginia D. Mark Liburd*
Sylvia Gilmore, Sec.



Certificate of Appreciation

Awarded To

MRS. IDESSA WILLIAMS

In grateful recognition for outstanding voluntary service rendered to humanity in its struggle for the prevention and relief of human suffering caused by crippling diseases.

Wm. L. Moorehead
Chapter Chairman

Frank S. Whitfield
Campaign Director

Garrick Hardy

*Troy State University Montgomery's
Rosa Parks Museum*

Certificate of Appreciation

Presented To

Idessa Redden



This 19th day of November, 2002

The generations honor Idessa Redden for
her lifetime of courage and leadership
in pursuit of Civil Rights and Justice
on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Georgette M. Norman", is written over a horizontal line.

Ms. Georgette Norman
Director, Rosa Parks Museum

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

2003

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

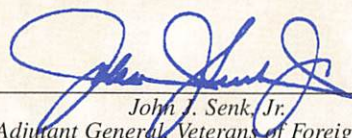


Recognizes

Mrs. Idessa E. Redden

for faithful support of America's deserving veterans and their families.

Patriotic Americans like you ensure that our nation remains
"the land of the free, and the home of the brave" for generations to come.



John J. Senk, Jr.
Adjutant General, Veterans of Foreign Wars

February 12, 2003
Date

A Donor of the Year

2003

*On behalf of the thousands of
hospitalized veterans
throughout the United States,
The Help Hospitalized Veterans organization
hereby officially recognizes*

**MS. IDESSA REDDEN
of
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

*for your past kindness, thoughtfulness,
constant caring, and unselfish generosity
toward worthwhile charitable causes.*

YOU ARE A HERO!

Roger Chapin
Roger Chapin



This certificate is suitable for framing.

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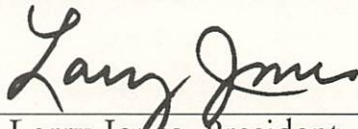
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In Honor and Appreciation of

Ms. Idessa Redden

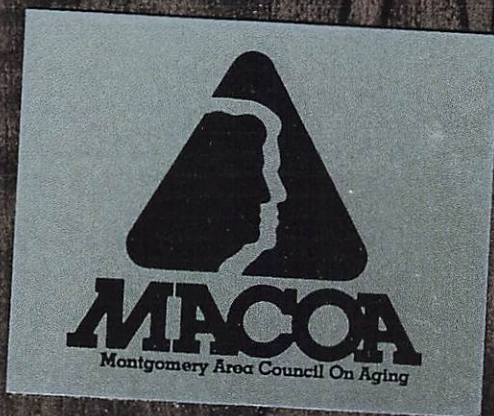
Whose Gifts Have Helped
Provide 857 Meals In the Last Year
For Hungry Boys And Girls.

*Thank You For Your Heartfelt Generosity To Children In Need
Across America And Around The World!*

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Larry Jones", written over a horizontal line.

Larry Jones, President

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SENIORS OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
PRESENTED TO
IDESSA WILLIAMS REDDEN
WITH DEEP APPRECIATION
FOR A LIFETIME OF
COMMUNITY SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT
MAY 15, 1990



Presented To
IDESSA REDDEN
IN APPRECIATION FOR OUTSTANDING
LEADERSHIP, UNTIRING EFFORT, SUPPORT
AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE HEAD
START PROGRAM AND THE COMMUNITY

MCAC HEAD START PROGRAM
1990

In Appreciation of Outstanding Service

Presented To

Mrs. Thessa Williams Redden

From

The Emancipation Association of Montgomery

January 1, 2002

January 4, 2005

To: Honorable Bobby Bright, Office of the Mayor
Re: Language for the Resolution for Mrs. Idessa Redden
From: Dr. Gwen Patton

Whereas, Mrs. Idessa (Taylor) Redden was born on November 27, 1912, and has been a life-long resident of Montgomery, Alabama;

Whereas, Mrs. Redden attended St. Paul Methodist Church School, Loveless, St. John Catholic and State Normal High Schools and earned her High School Diploma;

Whereas, Mrs. Redden defied the "mores of the day," joined the efforts of Reverend Solomon S. Seay, Sr., persisted in her right become a first-class citizenship, and after being denied four times, she became a registered voter in 1949;

Whereas, Mrs. Redden worked closely with the Honorable Rufus A. Lewis in the county-wide Voter Registration Movement as a "Block Captain" and "Citizenship Teacher," and assisted in registering 1,000s of Black Montgomeries;

Whereas, Mrs. Redden served as special assistant to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during the 1954-55 Montgomery Bus Boycott Movement and worked with the Voters' Registration Committee;

Whereas, Mrs. Redden continues to dedicate her life in assisting Black Montgomeries to become registered voters and to vote;

Whereas, Mrs. Redden has a conspicuous love for young people she was chosen by the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee to serve as mentor during the 1960s;

Whereas, Mrs. Redden in 1970, after completing post-secondary courses, served as a social worker for the Montgomery Community Action Program and retired in 1998 at the age of 85 years old;

Whereas, Mrs. Redden's love for young people was recognized by naming an Early Childhood Development Center in her honor in 2001;

Whereas, Mrs. Redden at the age of 93 is constantly beseeched by young people from all over the world who are eager to learn about the Movement for first-class citizenship;

Whereas, Mrs. Redden is lovingly admired as a pioneer "freedom fighter" and as a model for emulation for young people today;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED.....

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED.....

State of Alabama
House of Representatives



MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

Resolution

HJR 101

By Representative Alvin Holmes

COMMENDING IDESSA WILLIAMS REDDEN FOR
OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE

WHEREAS, in a desire to recognize those of our citizens who have dedicated themselves in community service, the Alabama Legislature notes with highest commendation the longtime involvement of Idessa Williams Redden in numerous areas of civic and community concerns; and

WHEREAS, Idessa Redden was born on November 27, 1912, in Montgomery, Alabama, and reared by her grandparents, Julius and Louisa Harris; she attended St. Paul Methodist Church School, Loveless School, and St. John Catholic and State Normal High Schools; she later attended Bethesda Beauty and Culture School and opened "Idessa's Beauty Nook"; and

WHEREAS, Idessa and George Williams were married in 1938; she became a registered voter in 1949, beginning a lifetime crusade for full voting rights; as an active member of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, she was a positive role model for Black youth; and later married John Redden, Sr., who supported her unconditionally; and

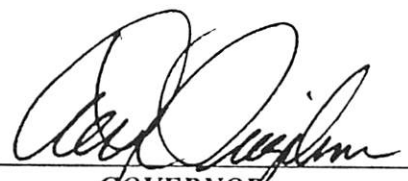
WHEREAS, Mrs. Redden began working as a Family Service Worker with the Montgomery Community Action Agency, striving to correct the inequities that had festered in the Black community since the days of slavery; and

WHEREAS, Idessa Redden retired in 1998 at the age of 85 years; she had satisfied her childhood vow to serve her people and to uplift her fellowman, which was accomplished through her involvement with the Civil Rights and Voting Rights Movements; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of outstanding service to her community, sincere tribute is herein expressed to Idessa Williams Redden, and it is further directed that she shall be provided a copy of this resolution with our sincere best wishes.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the GREAT SEAL of the State of Alabama to be affixed by the Secretary of State at the Capitol in the City of Montgomery on this the 20th day of March, 2002.


GOVERNOR


Secretary of State