



Huntsville, Alabama

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Department: City Council

Subject:

Type of Action: Approval/Action

Resolution recognizing Louise Garman's 106th birthday and celebrating her extraordinary life of civil service, accomplishment, and adventure.

Resolution No.

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City Cost Amount: N/A

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Special Circumstances:

Grant Funded: N/A

Grant Title - CFDA or granting Agency: N/A

Resolution #: N/A

Location: (list below)

Address: N/A

District: District 1 ☐ District 2 ☐ District 3 ☐ District 4 ☐ District 5 ☐

Additional Comments: N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 26-570

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of Huntsville, Alabama, wish to extend a heartfelt Happy 106th Birthday to Louise Garman, an outstanding citizen whose life is marked by civil service, accomplishment, and adventure; and

WHEREAS, Louise was born in a small town in Illinois on June 18, 1920, beginning what has become a long and remarkable journey; and

WHEREAS, Louise graduated from Western Illinois University before becoming a teacher in a one-room schoolhouse, and later dedicated most of her career to civil service, working for the federal government for 30 years at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas; and

WHEREAS, in 1942, Louise married her late husband, Robert Garman, though their honeymoon was cut short when, just three days after their wedding, he departed to serve in World War II. During this challenging time for our nation, Louise supported the war effort by working in the payroll office at Mayo Clinic, an organization that played a significant role in assisting service members and caring for returning veterans; and

WHEREAS, after Robert's return from the war, they began a new chapter together, growing their family and creating a lifetime of memories. They owned several Airstream trailers and traveled extensively across the United States, achieving what many only dream of by visiting every state. They were also active members of the Shriners, an organization closely affiliated with the Daughters of the Nile, where Louise rose through the ranks and was elected Queen of the Nile, guiding members and overseeing activities, ceremonies, and philanthropic initiatives; and

WHEREAS, sadly, in 2003, Robert Garman passed away, leaving behind an esteemed legacy and a beautiful growing family; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Louise moved to Huntsville, Alabama, where she began a new chapter and continued to embrace life's adventures. She attended Adult Space Camp at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center and became active in the Newcomers Club of Huntsville, establishing meaningful connections and deepening her roots in the community; and

WHEREAS, Louise is the proud mother of two loving children, Karen Measels and Diane Gragg, grandmother to five grandchildren, and great-grandmother to several great-grandchildren. In her free time, she enjoys crosswords, playing cards, and sudoku.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council and the Mayor of Huntsville, Alabama, do congratulate Louise Garman on the celebration of her 106th birthday, a milestone that reflects a life filled with stories, loved ones, and a remarkable spirit for living life to the fullest.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-570 (Cont'd)

ADOPTED this the 9th day of July, 2026.

President of the City Council of
the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 9th day of July, 2026.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama