

Proclamation

Whereas, Carrie Callahan will be honored by friends and relatives on the occasion of her 90th birthday on March 17, 2018; and

Whereas on Sunday, March 18, 1928 Carrie Levinia Yuille was born to Richard and Alice Yuille in Campbell County, VA, the sixth of their eight children; and

Whereas, Carrie has been a resident of Pennsylvania for 71 years, moving her family from Naruna, VA to Philadelphia, PA in 1947, and since 1957 has resided in Monessen, PA; and

Whereas, Carrie raised a family of five daughters in Monessen, all graduates of Monessen High School, and is blessed with eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and

Whereas Carrie supported her family as a Domestic Worker and an Assistant Head Start Teacher which inspired her to seek and obtain a GED from Monessen High School programs in 1969; and

Whereas, even with the obligations of motherhood, Carrie had the tenacity to commute 25 miles each way to earn a B.S. degree in Education in 1976 from the University of Pittsburgh, becoming the first (and only) in her generation to earn a college degree; and

Whereas Carrie taught in the Monessen Head Start Program for fifteen years and then worked as a Domiciliary Care Counselor for the Westmoreland County Area Agency on Aging, until her retirement in 1997; and

Whereas Carrie, a woman of great faith, has been a longstanding, prominent member of the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of Monessen serving in many leadership positions including Trustee, Sunday School Teacher and Mt Calvary Gospel Chorus Treasurer; and,

Whereas Carrie exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism and community service holding numerous offices and board memberships including decades of service to the Mon Valley NAACP, Youghiogheny Western Baptist Association (YWBA), Senior Citizen Action Council (SAC), Mon Valley

OIC, Westmoreland County Conference for Economic Opportunity (WCCEO), and various Senior Community Centers; and

Whereas Carrie is a virtuous woman, whose hands are never idle, always busying themselves with gardening, knitting, crocheting, upholstery, sewing or quilting; and

Whereas, during a long and productive lifetime, Carrie has demonstrated in countless ways her dedication to the welfare of others and has earned the respect, love and affection of people from all walks of life and all ages;

Now Therefore, I Matthew T. Shorraw, Mayor of the City of Monessen, do hereby deem it an honor and pleasure to extend this Proclamation of Recognition to Carrie Levinia Yuille Callahan on the occasion of her 90th Birthday, with sincere congratulations and best wishes for many more happy, productive years.



Matthew T. Shorraw
Mayor, City of Monessen