

❧ CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION ❧

*WHEREAS, **AlmareneCason Lowndes** was born Olustee, Florida, in 1931 being the seventh of eleven children, to Mattie and George Cason, attending schools in Columbia/Baker County and graduating at age fifteen from Richardson High School in 1946, and furthering her education at Bethune-Cookman College when she received a four-year basketball scholarship as a walk-on; and*

*WHEREAS, **AlmareneCason Lowndes** married Shedrick C. Lowndes, Sr., in 1954 and to this union five children were born – Shedrick C. Lowndes, Jr., Cheryl L. Brooks, Sonee L. Carswell, Govantez Lowndes and Jarvis T. Lowndes; and*

*WHEREAS, **AlmareneCason Lowndes**, taught school in Columbia County for eight years and in St. Johns County for thirty-four years until her retirement from Crookshank Elementary School in 1996, where she was named teacher of the year; and*

*WHEREAS, **AlmareneCason Lowndes** was affiliated with the St. Johns Education Association having served as President and Vice President, Building Representative Spkesporson for the bargaining team, and at the State level where she served on the Human Civil Rights Committee for Florida Education, as a representative to the National Education Association Assembly and the Florida Education Association Assembly, and attended conferences in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Washington D.C., California and Orlando, Florida.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, Florida, on the occasion of her 80th Birthday, does hereby congratulate **AlmareneCason Lowndes** for a life well lived and for her many contributions to the community.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and do cause the Seal of the City of St. Augustine to be affixed this 3rd day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven and the four hundred and forty fifth year of the founding of St. Augustine, the Nation's Oldest City.

Mayor Joseph Boles