



City of Cambridge

74.

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 16, 1991

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
VICE MAYOR REEVES

WHEREAS: On September 29, 1991 Birthday Greetings and Cheers will be exchanged in honor of Ruth Veletta Jones on the occasion of her 96th birthday; and

WHEREAS: Miss Jones was educated in the Cambridge and Somerville public school systems and attended Boston University for three years; and

WHEREAS: Miss Jones has lived at her present residence at 7 Yerxa Road since 1913 making her one of the longest residents at that address; and

WHEREAS: Miss Jones was one of the first women to register to vote in Cambridge in 1920; and

WHEREAS: Miss Jones worked for some twenty five years for the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals as a clerk and telephone operator; and

WHEREAS: Upon her retirement in 1952 she opened her home to students attending area colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS: Miss Jones provides stories and anecdotes to grammar school children on the experiences of African-Americans during her lifetime; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Ruth V. Jones on this very special occasion and wish for her continued health and happiness; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution for presentation to Ruth V. Jones on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council September 16, 1991.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;
ATTEST:-

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Ruth Veletta Jones the daughter
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Port Massachusetts, September
29th, 1895. She attended
the Cambridge schools
graduated from Summerville
High 1913. Attended Boston
University at night for 3 years.
Worked for Massachusetts
Society for the Prevention of
Cruelty to Animals as a
clerk and Telephone operator
She retired after 35 years
of ~~dedicated~~ service in 1952.
After retirement she opened
her home to College students
They lived there until they
graduated from college.

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In 1954 She went to Europe with a group of people for a month from the Y.W.C.A. had a wonderful time.

Worked on ^{the} Cambridge Election Polls for many years until she was 90 years old.

Ruth Jones stories tell of personal experience with her family as well as events which relate to the historical experience of Afro-Americans. Teachers from many schools bring their class to her house, children mostly in the 6th grade.

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Ruth W. Jones was the
first woman to register
to vote in Cambridge,
Mass. 70 years ago
in 1920.

Ruth's family moved from
Elmwood Street W. Summer
ville to 7 Yerta Road in
1913. She has lived at
her present address for 78
years, lived on Yerta
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Consent Order # 74

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J. M. Reeves
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Order adopted