

WHEREAS, Mordess Catherine Benjamin was born in Port Gibson, Mississippi on December 14, 1936, blessing her parents, the late Thomas and Louise Wilson, and her family of three brothers and two sisters greatly; and

WHEREAS, Mordess Catherine Benjamin attended school in Claiborne County, Mississippi and in Monroe, Louisiana and has been a life-long member of First Missionary Baptist Church in Monroe, serving in the choir and in Sunday School; and

WHEREAS, Mordess Catherine Benjamin is a licensed cosmetologist still working in her beauty shop, a Retired General Motors Employee, and an active member of UAW Retirees; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Benjamin and the late Mr. Benjamin were blessed with five beautiful children – Gregory, Debra, Jacqueline, Thomas, and Khristy – twelve Grandchildren and thirteen Great Grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mordess Catherine Benjamin has always had a giving heart and ready hands to help others as a way of life - praying for her family, offering encouragement, and bringing Senior Citizens and disabled women to her shop to do their hair free of charge; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Benjamin is surrounded by her devoted family and many friends today to celebrate her 80th birthday and we join with them in wishing her the very best for this very special birthday as well as all those to come!

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES E. MAYO, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MONROE, LOUISIANA, on behalf of the Monroe City Council and our citizens, deem it an honor and a pleasure to hereby proclaim today, Saturday, December 17, 2016

“Mordess Catherine Benjamin Day”