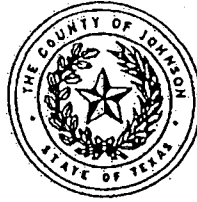


ROGER HARMON  
JOHNSON COUNTY JUDGE

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STATE OF TEXAS       §  
JOHNSON COUNTY       §

PROCLAMATION

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SISTER HERBIE STONE DAY

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**WHEREAS,** Sister Herbie Stone was born a century ago on February 20, 1914 in Cleburne, Johnson County, Texas at Oak Hill. Her father, Ferrell C. Phillips, Sr. was born in Cleburne in 1890 and was the custodian for the post office for 36 years. Her mother, Leatha Webster Phillips, was born near Kimball Bend. The first four grandchildren of her Grandfather, John A. Webster, were girls and he wanted a boy so when Sister Stone was born he named her Herbert Lee. On her first day of school the teacher asked Sister Stone what she wanted to be called and she said 'Herbie' and in her words, "the name stuck"; and

**WHEREAS,** Sister Stone graduated from Booker T. Washington in Cleburne. The year was 1932. She journeyed to Waco where she received a teaching certificate from Paul Quinn College. Paul Quinn College holds the distinction of being the oldest historically Black college west of the Mississippi River. The college is presently located on 144 acres just south of downtown Dallas and has acquired numerous awards of achievement for excellence in education. Sister Stone taught school in Venus where she was the only teacher and later in Alvarado where she shared teaching responsibilities with two others. Although she did not teach history, it remains her favorite subject; and

**WHEREAS,** Sister Stone was a volunteer as a Pink Lady at the hospital in Cleburne for over 18 years. She is fondly remembered for her years assisting Mrs. Howell at her dress shop on South Main where she recalls a large and loyal clientele. She refers to Howell's as one of the finest lady's apparel stores in Cleburne for several decades; and

**WHEREAS,** Sister Stone is a century old this month and experienced the days of horse and buggy travel. Her father's buggy and "Old Buck" the family horse was kept behind their house on Oak Hill. She reminisces about the first automobile her father bought in 1932, a little Ford he had to crank, and the Sunday afternoon drives the family would take out Rio Vista way and toward Keene just enjoying the beautiful countryside of Johnson County; and


**WHEREAS,** Sister Stone credits her love for God and devotion to her church, St. Paul CME Methodist in Cleburne organized in 1886, for her long life. She has a deep appreciation for her years in Cleburne, Johnson County, Texas.


**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I,** Roger Harmon, County Judge of Johnson County, and we the Commissioners of the four precincts in Johnson County, do hereby proclaim February 10, 2014, as

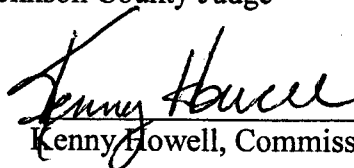
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in Johnson County and encourage all citizens to join in celebration of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and recognize her for being a true pioneer of this County.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I hereto set my hand and cause the Seal of Johnson County, Texas to be affixed on this the 10th day of February, 2014.

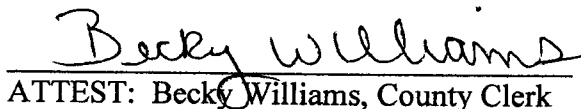
  
Roger Harmon, Johnson County Judge

  
Rick Bailey, Commissioner Pct. #1

  
Kenny Howell, Commissioner Pct. #2

  
Jerry D. Stringer, Commissioner Pct. #3

  
Don Beeson, Commissioner Pct. #4

  
ATTEST: Becky Williams, County Clerk

Proclamation:  
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