



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the arc of Mrs. Susan Bowden Ross Haines' life spans 100 years and 38 of those significant years were experienced in Greenville and Pitt County;

WHEREAS, Susan Haines, the daughter of the late Sudie Mary Hardison Ross and Eugene Clifton Ross, was born May 1, 1911 in Stonewall, North Carolina. She is the wife of the late Leo Franklin Haines, sister of the late Hope Ross Anderson, Janie Orrell Ross Roberts, Louise Ross, Inez Ross Schultz, Riley Ross, and Robert Ross, and loving aunt to many nieces and nephews;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Haines' family lived for a few years in Arapahoe, North Carolina and moved to the Arlington, Virginia-Washington, D. C. area in 1917. After graduating from McKinley High School, she attended Temple Business School;

WHEREAS, for 41 years, Mrs. Haines was employed with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company (AT&T) as a teletype writer, instructor, secretary, clerical supervisor, and retired as Office Supervisor;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Haines has been a resident of Greenville since 1973 living at her Windsor Road home for 28 years. Later she moved to a cottage at Cypress Glen and recently moved to the Assisted Living Section of Cypress Glen;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Susan Bowden Ross Haines is "The Perle Mesta of Greenville" according to Dr. Ralph Hardee Rives, a retired East Carolina University English professor (1960-1992). Dr. Rives' article in *Chronicles of Pitt County, Volume II*, Pitt County Historical Society, Sandra Hunsucker, Executive Editor, 2005 eloquently describes her Southern hospitality and many years of being the perfect hostess and culinarian;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Haines' relatives and friends describe her as a good listener and centenarian with an impeccable memory who has graciously entertained family members, neighbors, local friends of all walks of life, and new acquaintances;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Haines is also known for her musical talents providing instrumental music along with her sister, Hope Ross Anderson, from 1938 to 1973 for the Daughters of the American Revolution in the District of Columbia area, at Anderson House, and Headquarters of the Society of the Cincinnati in Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Haines served as Regent of Captain Wendell Wolfe Chapter, D.C., DAR from 1955 to 1958 and became a member of Sans Souci Book Club, Brook Valley Country Club, and Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church but attends the chapel at Cypress Glen at this time. As a Cypress Glen resident, she has contributed and helped to provide benevolent funds to residents in our communities who can no longer fully pay their expenses; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Haines will celebrate her 100th birthday with Linda Dilts (her great niece), Mary Bruton and Catherine Thompson (her good friends), Keith Henderson (an "Elvis" illusionist), and a host of family members and friends on Saturday, April 30, 2011, at Cypress Glen.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby congratulate Mrs. Susan Bowden Ross Haines on her 100th Birthday and proclaim Sunday, May 1, 2011 as

SUSAN BOWDEN ROSS HAINES DAY

in Greenville.

This 30th day of April, 2011.

Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor