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HERO RUTHIE ALEXANDER is known by her friends and family as someone who loves Mt. Vernon. Ruthie has made bettering her community a top priority through her volunteering efforts as well as through her professional business. Ruthie is an active board member for the Girl Scouts, PEO, Little House Foundation, United Way, C.E. Brehm Library and the Mitchell Museum. She has a main focus for Mt. Vernon and that is to make Mt. Vernon a better place to live. Ruthie has definitely made her mark in our community with her vision.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jefferson County Board proudly recognizes **RUTHIE ALEXANDER** as a Jefferson County Senior Saint for 2017 this 15th day of November, 2017.

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HERO ARTHUR DOTSON has dedicated his life to helping those in need, who are homeless or hungry. Arthur established a soup kitchen in order to help him facilitate this mission. Arthur has pastored the Solid Rock Church for over forty years and those who know him have said, "Pastor Dotson is a generous man with a loving and caring heart. He is an asset to this community, to his family and to all who are blessed to meet him."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jefferson County Board proudly recognizes **ARTHUR DOTSON** as a Jefferson County Senior Saint for 2017 this 15th day of November, 2017.

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HERO MARY DOTSON is known by a colleague to be gentle and loving, calm and blessed to be around and treats everyone with respect, dignity and love. **Mary** is an integral part of the Mt. Vernon Healthcare System by exhibiting her traits seen by others. She spends quality time with the residents by showing unconditional friendship and sharing Bible scriptures. **Mary** also works alongside her husband in the soup kitchen caring for those in need.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jefferson County Board proudly recognizes **MARY DOTSON** as a Jefferson County Senior Saint for 2017 this 15th day of November, 2017.

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HERO INA RAE DRAKE is known by friends and family as someone who is always willing to help others in need and is a true witness for the Lord. **Ina Rae** is an active member of the First United Methodist Church and is a retired school teacher of over thirty years. **Ina Rae** has also graciously volunteered her time by serving on the board for the Friend's Committee for Spero, a docent at Cedarhurst Center for the Arts, helps to provide food for Angels on Assignment as well as volunteering for the Jefferson County Historical Society.

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HERO STEVE ENGLAND served in the National Guard and has dedicated much of his efforts to honoring and aiding others who have served in the military. Steve has been heavily involved in HOOAH Deer Hunt for Heroes alongside retiring after thirty years as a firefighter (Captain). Steve has also been active with the Woodlawn Little League program, Park Avenue Baptist Church, Woodlawn Christian Church and Summersville School Board. A friend complimented Steve by saying "If he says he is going to do something, he will do it. Steve England is one of the finest individuals I have ever met."

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HERO NORA GALIHER truly exemplifies what it means to lead a life of love, sacrifice and Christian values. Nora has volunteered with many organizations including the American Cancer Society "Look Good – Feel Better" program through styling wigs and sharing makeup techniques with women who have undergone chemotherapy and experienced hair loss. Nora has also volunteered with the Christian Outreach on Perkins, Angels on Assignment, Edison School PTO, Good Samaritan Gift Shop, Christian Thrift Store as well as coordinating a jail/prison ministry.

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HERO PAMELA KIRKPATRICK has been described by a friend as a remarkable and caring person who has devoted countless hours to projects that help to make the Village of Bluford a better place. Pamela is well known in the Bluford area for devoting a great deal of her time to editing and publishing the Bluford Kid News. She is also tasked with taking photos for the publication in hopes of preserving memories of her cherished small town. Pamela's efforts are well received by her community.

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HERO MARVIN RICHARDSON has served the community of Dodds as the township clerk for twenty four years. Marvin has also devoted his time to 4-H, FFA, Dodds Grade School by serving as a board member, ASC Farm Crop Committee and announcing horse shows. Marvin was described as a wonderful neighbor and friend, someone you can always count on, a man of few words but always there to help us get back on our feet if we ever fall in life. Marvin is also an active member of the Bakerville Free Will Baptist Church.

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HERO MARVIN SKIDMORE spends much of his time fishing and tending to his garden so that he can provide frozen fish and vegetables to friends, family and those in need. Those close to Marvin say, "He is a hard worker and a role model for others and a blessing to all. You can't keep a good man down." Marvin is active in his church where he coordinates and attends events as well as serving on the janitorial staff. Marvin was a member of the National Guard and is a big supporter of the "I Love America" rally as well as a "Night to Fly" which benefits special needs children.

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HERO PHYLLIS SKIDMORE is actively involved in Mt. Vernon Baptist Temple through teaching Sunday School, Children's Church and serving with her husband on the church's janitorial staff. She also helps to provide meals for the men's prayer breakfast and many of her church's special events. Phyllis retired from teaching after twenty two years at the Mt. Vernon Christian School. A nominator said, "You can always count on Phyllis' faithfulness and dependability. She has touched the lives of countless children, and she continues to work serving God, her church, her family and her community."

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HERO DIXIE STONECIPHER is described as a quiet, wonderful woman who has done so much for her community and is highly deserving of this recognition.

Dixie is a very active member of the First United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women where she holds executive positions on both the local and district level. Dixie is also well known for her volunteer work with Angels on Assignment and her generous support of community fundraisers for various schools, civic and charitable organizations and sporting events.

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HERO CONNIE TAYLOR has been a volunteer with Crossroads Community Hospital for more than twenty five years devoting much of her time crocheting blankets and mats for CCH Auxiliary and Jefferson County Toys for Kids. Connie has been very active with fundraising efforts with the American Red Cross, 9/11 victims and even local families that have been affected by tragedies. Friends of Connie's say, "She is a bright spot in the lives of many! She certainly exemplifies the characteristics of a Senior Saint."

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