

Office of the Mayor
Foley, Alabama

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Ivan Jones is being honored by family, friends and former colleagues, on Thursday, March 10, 2016, to celebrate his 90th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones was born March 10, 1926 in Winn, Alabama to the parents of Henley and Alma Jones, in which he is one of eight children; husband to Julia Jones; two children John Jones and Darrell Jones; and

WHEREAS, Raised in Jackson, Alabama he played football against Foley High School. Jones arrived in Foley in 1952 as an assistant coach for two years before returning home. In 1955 Jones was offered the position of head coach for Foley High School football team in which he coached for 14 years, 1955-1968, winning ten county championships with a record of 110-26-3. He retired in 1969 from coaching; and he then became the principal at Foley Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Ivan Jones has always stayed active with the community and remained such an important role with the athletic teams. He is a member of the Foley Presbyterian Church; served in WWII in the US Navy; spent 35 years as a teacher, coach, and administrator at Foley schools; and

WHEREAS, Coach Jones is a member of the Foley High School Hall of Fame and was also inducted into the Alabama High School Athletic Associations Hall of Fame. The Foley High School football stadium has been named the Ivan Jones Stadium; and

WHEREAS, the impact that he has had on many students during his reign as coach at Foley High School has been instrumental in many of them continue on as collegiate and SEC football players.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor John Koniar, do hereby find it an honor and distinct pleasure to honor Ivan Jones on his 90th birthday, and hereby proclaim March 10, 2016 as

"Ivan Jones Day"

in the City of Foley and congratulate him and grant him best wishes on his 90th birthday.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand on this 10th day of March, 2016.

Attest: *Victoria Southern*

