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DETROIT CITY COUNCIL

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# Testimonial Resolution

## LIFE DIRECTIONS (DETROIT)

Celebrating 43 Years of Dedicated Service

August 17, 2017

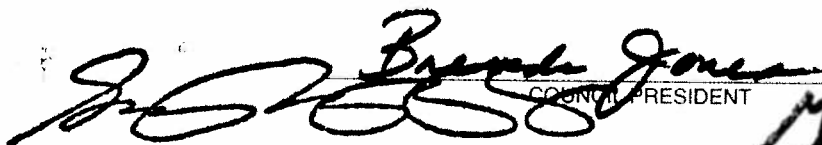
**WHEREAS:** Life Directions was born out of the issue of violence. In 1973, Detroit was called the “Murder Capital” of the United States. On average one young adult was dying every twelve hours. The founders of Life Directions – **Reverend John Phelps, C.Ss.R.; Reverend Alex Steinmiller, C.P.; Sister Rosalie Esquerra, O.P.; and, Alexander and Judith MacDonald** arrived at the intuitive understanding that it was necessary to “get to the cause of the violence.” The dynamic of **Peers Inspiring Peers through Forgiving** was forged through a series of neighborhood discussions directed at determining its root causes with people experiencing its effects; *and*

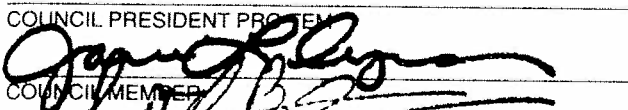
**WHEREAS:** Life Directions first response was to design the Focus Life Weekend for training and developing young adult peer leaders. The process centered on engaging the values that give direction to actions through forgiveness. The young adult leaders then entered three public arenas, Neighborhoods, Public High Schools and Churches to awaken peers to be a part of the solution to the violence of their peers; *and*

**WHEREAS:** Life Directions efforts, in Detroit, through continuous improvement, were formed into the three interconnected programs that exist today, Neighborhood Enrichment Program; Peer Motivation Program (High School); and, Peer Mentor Program (Middle School). As Life Directions discoveries were refined it prepared to expand its work; *and*

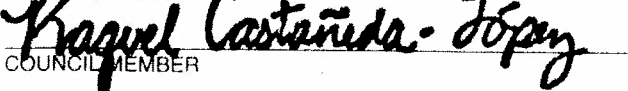
**WHEREAS:** In the 1990’s, Life Directions exported its work to Chicago, New Orleans, San Antonio, Tucson and Marion County, Oregon. To date over 163,000 young adults, ages 13-35 have partnered with Life Directions to inspire their peers to embrace the values and virtues that make life grow. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

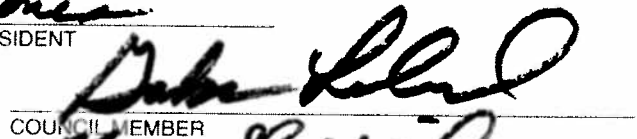
**RESOLVED:** Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López and her colleagues on the Detroit City Council celebrate with the founders of Life Directions on their **43<sup>rd</sup> year of Raising Hope and Building Peace** to youth and young adults throughout the city of Detroit.

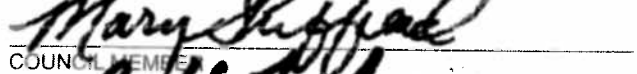
  
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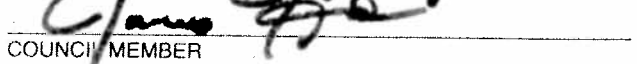
  
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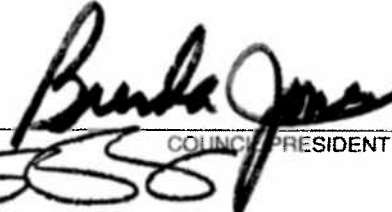
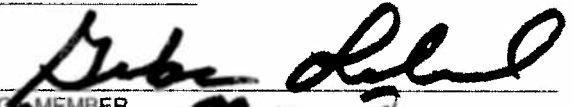
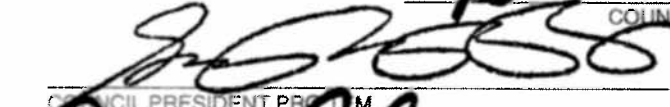

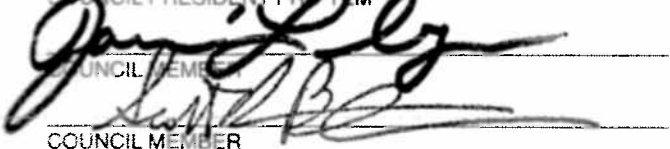
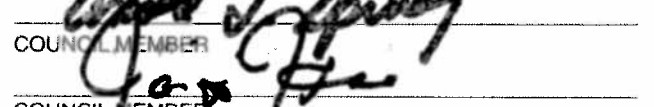


DETROIT CITY COUNCIL

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# Testimonial Resolution

## United Way for Southeastern Michigan Centennial Day

- WHEREAS,** In 1917, United Way for Southeastern Michigan, then known then as Detroit Community Union, was established as the region’s unifier—convening the power of public, private and nonprofit partners to better serve the community; **and**
- WHEREAS,** Although the name has changed throughout the subsequent 100 years, the organization’s core mission to mobilize the caring power of Detroit and Southeastern Michigan to improve communities and individual lives in measureable and lasting ways has remained the same; **and**
- WHEREAS,** United Way for Southeastern Michigan continues to engage and serve the community every day, improving lives and empowering every family to succeed by uniting us around education, economic prosperity and health – the pillars of a strong, equitable community; **and**
- WHEREAS,** United Way for Southeastern Michigan advances the quality of life for residents of the city of Detroit and families throughout the tri-county area by investing in programs that impact the lives of children and adults, such as 2-1-1, which serves as a lifeline for hundreds of thousands of individuals each year; and through the funding and support of partner agency services; **and**
- WHEREAS,** United Way for Southeastern Michigan benefits the region through its unique ability to engage local businesses and their employees, who give, volunteer, and advocate for the betterment of the community; **and**
- WHEREAS,** We respect and share United Way for Southeastern Michigan’s guiding principles: to be just, tenacious, collaborative, engaged, and accountable; **and**
- WHEREAS,** The people of the City of Detroit recognize United Way for Southeastern Michigan as a valued community asset with a proven history of living its values and inspiring others to serve. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED,** That the **Detroit City Council** and office of **Council President Brenda Jones**, does hereby declare August 19, 2017 as United Way for Southeastern Michigan Centennial Day in Detroit, Michigan, and we encourage all citizens to join us in recognizing this organization’s 100 years of service to the community.

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August 19, 2017  
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# Testimonial Resolution #191

## BATTALION CHIEF TRACY THOMAS DETROIT FIRE DEPARTMENT

**WHEREAS,** On June 27, 2017, **BATTALION CHIEF TRACY THOMAS**, assigned to the 7<sup>TH</sup> Battalion, retired from the Detroit Fire Department (DFD) after over thirty-four (34) years of exemplary service to the fire department and the citizens of the City of Detroit; **and**

**WHEREAS,** Graduating from high school in 1979, **TRACY THOMAS** received a four-year football scholarship to the University of Minnesota. After his freshman year, **TRACY** transferred to the University of Toledo, also on a football scholarship. He ended his football career on a scholarship at Wayne State University, after two seasons. In 1982, after pledging Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, his mother suggested that he get a job to take care of his four-year old son, Roderick. In further conversations, she informed him that the Detroit Fire Department was hiring and suggested he should come home to apply. In February 1983, **TRACY** was hired as a trial firefighter for the Detroit Fire Department. In just three years, he became a driver applicant and earned his certification. In 1990, **TRACY** became a Firefighter Driver, which allowed him to operate any fire department apparatus. In 1999, he decided to become an officer of the fire department and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant; **and**

**WHEREAS,** As a Sergeant, **TRACY** and his fire company displayed many acts of bravery, which led to several awards and commendations, including the Spirit of Detroit Award for heroism. In 2005, **SERGEANT THOMAS** was promoted to Lieutenant and in 2010, he was promoted to Captain of Engine 56. Subsequently, in recognition of his distinguished service, **CAPTAIN THOMAS** was elevated to the rank of Battalion Chief in June 2013. In 2015, while serving as a Battalion Chief, he earned an Executive Leadership Program certificate from Eastern Michigan University, the School of Fire Staff and Command. Also in 2015, **CAPTAIN THOMAS** was elected as a Pension Board Trustee to the City of Detroit Police and Fire Retirement System. He was the first African-American to be elected to that position. As a Trustee, he attended several courses and received numerous certifications, including one from the prestigious Wharton School of Business – University of Pennsylvania in 2016. From April 16, 2015 to June 30, 2017, **TRUSTEE THOMAS** carried out his responsibilities on the Board of Trustees to members and retirees of the retirement system with dedication, sincerity and hard work; **and**

**WHEREAS,** **CHIEF TRACY THOMAS** received a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Wayne State University in 1984. In 1996, he earned a Master of Arts in Elementary Education, as well as a teaching certificate. In 2015, he received an Administrative Certification from University of Detroit Mercy. **TRACY** started working on his Ph.D. at Penn State University, completing all course work with only his dissertation left to defend. He is a member of the Prince Hall Masons, the American Football Coaches Association and a life member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. **BATTALION CHIEF TRACY THOMAS** has served the Detroit Fire Department and the citizens of Detroit with loyalty, dedication and professionalism. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED,** That the **Detroit City Council** and Council President **Brenda Jones**, does hereby commend and thank **BATTALION CHIEF TRACY THOMAS** for his positive contributions to the Detroit Fire Department and for over thirty-four years of dedicated service to the City of Detroit. We wish him a healthy and enjoyable retirement!

*Brenda Jones*  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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August 8, 2017

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*Testimonial Resolution #192*

**DEPUTY CHIEF ULYSHA RENEE' HALL  
DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS,** On September 4, 2017, **DEPUTY CHIEF ULYSHA RENEE' HALL**, assigned to the Neighborhood Policing Bureau, will retire from the Detroit Police Department (DPD) after over eighteen (18) years of exemplary service to the citizens of the City of Detroit; **and**

**WHEREAS,** **DEPUTY CHIEF HALL** was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on March 8, 1999. After graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, she was assigned to Community Policing. As an Officer, she worked in Executive Protection, Operations Portfolio, Eleventh Precinct and Community Services divisions. On May 1, 2006, **OFFICER HALL** was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and assigned to the Southwestern District, where she developed keen managerial and command skills. Her assignments as a Sergeant also included the Patrol Operations Bureau and Internal Affairs. Subsequently, on December 21, 2010, **SERGEANT HALL** was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant for Tactical Operations. While working at Tactical Operations, she refined her leadership qualities by assuming command over all tactical operations city-wide, including special events, dignitary executive protection and movie productions. **LIEUTENANT HALL** was also appointed as Interim Inspector of the Eighth and Second Precincts; **and**

**WHEREAS,** In recognition of her distinguished service, **LIEUTENANT HALL** was elevated to the rank of Commander on October 7, 2013. **COMMANDER HALL** was assigned to Downtown Services, with responsibility for monitoring the daily operations of three precincts, sports venues, the entertainment district, also organizing and executing the coordination of all major events city-wide. On May 20, 2014, **COMMANDER HALL** was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief and assigned to the Neighborhood Policing Bureau. In this capacity, she was responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of all twelve police precincts and the Metropolitan Division, which included the Tactical Response Unit, Special Response Team K-9, Harbor Master, Bomb Squad, Traffic Enforcement, Mounted Patrol, and the Aviation and Gang Intelligence Unit. **DEPUTY CHIEF HALL** provided effective quality control and leadership mentoring to all of the patrol entities under her command.

**WHEREAS,** During her illustrious career, **DEPUTY CHIEF HALL** was the recipient of numerous departmental awards and also received several accolades and certificates of appreciation from the department, other agencies and citizens. **DEPUTY CHIEF HALL** has a Bachelor's degree from Grambling State University and Master's from the University of Detroit Mercy. She is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the Major Cities Chiefs Association Police Executive Leader Institute. She is Vice President of the Metro Detroit Chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), and a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. In 2014 and 2016, **DEPUTY CHIEF HALL** was appointed by Governor Rick Snyder to the Elevator Safety Board for the State of Michigan. In March 2015, she was honored as one of the Michigan Chronicle's "Women of Excellence," and more recently has been recognized as "Woman of the Decade" by the Native Detroiter Magazine. **DEPUTY CHIEF ULYSHA RENEE' HALL** has served the Detroit Police Department and the citizens of Detroit with loyalty, integrity and professionalism. She is widely respected throughout the law enforcement community as a disciplined leader and consummate professional with the proven ability to deliver results. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED,** That the **Detroit City Council** and **Council President Brenda Jones**, does hereby commend and thank **DEPUTY CHIEF ULYSHA RENEE' HALL** for her positive contributions to the Detroit Police Department and for eighteen years of dedicated law enforcement service, and we extend best wishes in her new role as Chief of the Dallas Police Department.

*Brenda Jones*  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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August 16, 2017

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*Testimonial Resolution #193*

**MRS. MARY BELLE HICKS**

**'In Recognition of Your Centennial 100<sup>TH</sup> Birthday'**

- Whereas,** On August 1, 2017, **MRS. MARY BELLE HICKS** will attain the age of **ONE HUNDRED YEARS**, a very significant milestone, reserved for very few. The **Detroit City Council** would like to publicly acknowledge this important event in her life; **and**
- Whereas,** **MRS. MARY BELLE HICKS**, one of our esteemed centenarian citizens, has lived a rich and blessed life having experienced, first-hand, 100 of the most eventful and productive years in American and world history. **MARY BELLE** was born on August 1, 1917, in Detroit, Michigan. She was the eldest of three siblings. **MARY BELLE** received her adolescent education in the **Detroit Public Schools** system. She attended **Norvil Elementary, Duffield Middle, Miller and Eastern High Schools**, and graduated from **Northwestern High School** in 1935; **and**
- Whereas,** **MARY BELLE** met her husband, **Paramore Hicks Sr.**, while singing in the **St. Stephens Church Junior Choir**. To this union three children were born: **Paramore Jr., Leonard and Jeanne. MARY BELLE** drove streetcars during **World War II** and later studied to be a **Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)**. She worked private duty at nursing homes and the **Alexander Blaine Memorial Hospital. MARY BELLE** worked three jobs simultaneously to provide for her children and grandchildren. She retired in 1984; **and**
- Whereas,** **MARY BELLE** has lived, worked and raised her family in **Detroit**, where she has resided her entire life. At 100 years young, **MARY BELLE**, affectionately called "**Grammy**," is a joy to her family and a true blessing. She is blessed with a family legacy of seven grandchildren: **Bill, Kevin, Traci, Tamara, Tia'Von, Tonyala and Jalen**, seventeen great-grandchildren, two nephews and one niece. **MARY BELLE** lost her son, **Paramore Jr.**, in **September 2015** and her last sibling, **Jackie** in **November 2016**. Two of the proudest moments in her life were when her grandson **Jalen** went to the **NBA** and when she voted for and lived to see our first **Black President, Barack Obama**. As family and friends are gathered here today to commemorate and celebrate her **100<sup>th</sup> Birthday**, it is abundantly fitting and proper that **MRS. MARY BELLE HICKS** be appropriately recognized during this very special and memorable time of her life. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- Resolved,** That the **Detroit City Council** and office of **Council President Brenda Jones**, wishes to take this opportunity to honor and recognize one of **Detroit's** centenarian citizens, **MRS. MARY BELLE HICKS**, upon the grand occasion of her **100<sup>th</sup> Birthday**.

*Brenda Jones*  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

*George Cushingberry*  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM

*Janice Laly*  
COUNCIL MEMBER

*Raquel Castaneda-Torres*  
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*Duke Leland*  
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*Mary Shuffee*  
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*Agathe J. Spring*  
COUNCIL MEMBER

*Carl Ho*  
COUNCIL MEMBER

**August 1, 2017**  
DATE



*Testimonial Resolution #194*

# HOOD RESEARCH

## Celebrating 25 Years of Service to Detroit

**WHEREAS,** **HOOD RESEARCH**, one of Detroit's leading community groups, will celebrate its **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** on July 30, 2017. **HOOD RESEARCH** was founded in 1992 by Detroit Police Commissioner Reggie Crawford and television and radio host, Theo Broughton. It was originally called the "In the Hood Research Department" by Helen Moore and others; **and**

**WHEREAS,** The group began organizing after WCHB, owned by Wendell Cox, converted from music to a talk show format. Martha Jean "The Queen" also expanded her format to include a community talkback segment; **and**

**WHEREAS,** Throughout the years, **HOOD RESEARCH** has been a visible force in Detroit. **HOOD RESEARCH** business parades marching down Woodward were common place. The group led protests against the slave exhibit at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, known as the "Gray People," resulting in today's realistic replacement. They also protested against negative billboard campaigns. **HOOD RESEARCH** has facilitated Black History tours, political candidate forums, business workshops by the late Don Barden, and lectures at Wayne State University and Wayne County Community College. One of the most successful endeavors were study classes for police officer promotion tests conducted by Detroit Police Commissioner Reggie Crawford; **and**

**WHEREAS,** Not limiting itself to Detroit residents, **HOOD RESEARCH** has collected medical supplies for the benefit of Haitian earthquake victims and most recently, collected and delivered personal care items, body and baby wipes, diapers and sanitizers to Flint residents. **HOOD RESEARCH's** motto is: "We believe people would do better, if they knew better." **HOOD RESEARCH** works diligently to gather and share information to help us all make better informed decisions. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED,** That the **Detroit City Council** and office of **Council President Brenda Jones**, congratulates **HOOD RESEARCH** on this momentous occasion as it celebrates **25 Years of Service** to Detroit.

*Brenda Jones*  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

*George Cushingsbury*  
COUNCIL MEMBER

*Dana DeLuca*  
COUNCIL MEMBER

*James L. Gray*  
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*Paul J. Spring*  
COUNCIL MEMBER

July 30, 2017

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# Testimonial Resolution

## ALPHA & OMEGA REFORMED

### Missionary Baptist Church

**WHEREAS,** The **ALPHA & OMEGA REFORMED MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH** will commence its 50<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary with a series of worship service celebrations, climaxing with a banquet on Sunday, July 30, 2017. **ALPHA & OMEGA REFORMED MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH** was organized in August 1967, under the pastorate of Pastor Grover L. Stubbs, an anointed man of God. The Stubbs and Brown families gathered at the home of Rev. Calop and Sister Ruth Brown, at 19368 St. Aubin in Detroit. Their home was always open to needy families. These excited pioneers spread the good news and the Word of God, provided light to guide their path and the love to inspire fellowship. **ALPHA & OMEGA** was officially incorporated on August 15, 1968. In the early 70s, the church moved to various locations which included: Joy Road, Linwood at Leslie, Epworth at Oregon and Puritan at Littlefield. Under Pastor Stubbs leadership, the congregation continued to flourish and made great strides. Pastor Stubbs, being led by the Holy Spirit, laid hands on a commercial building at 2540 Fenkell, which was filled with debris and seemed to be unsalvageable. That building still stands today as the church edifice. During Pastor Stubbs tenure, many ministers were called into the ministry: Rev. Daniel Helen, Rev. Charles Stubbs, Rev. Gibson, Rev. Michael Berry, Rev. Robert Powell, Rev. Bobby Lovett and the current pastor, Rev. Ricky Godwin. On October 18, 1995, Pastor Grover L. Stubbs made his heavenly transition and the shepherd staff was passed to the Associate Minister, Rev. Ricky Godwin; and

**WHEREAS,** Rev. Godwin was installed as the new pastor on June 22, 1996. He continued the vision of his pastor, teacher and friend, the late Rev. Grover Stubbs, to prepare **ALPHA & OMEGA** for its River Jordan crossing experience. At the close of 1997, Rev. Godwin created the church's mission statement, "A Church Moving Upward." Rev. Godwin has worked unselfishly for the building of God's Kingdom and continues to be an advocate for change in the community. He is truly a model of what a pastor can and should be. **ALPHA & OMEGA** serves the community through its various outreach ministries which include: summer vacation bible school, nursing home visitations, blanket and clothing drives for the homeless, adult education programs, youth mentoring, free summer lunch programs, angel tree project for economically challenged families during the holidays, and partnerships with the Detroit Police Department and Goodfellows. In 2005, **ALPHA & OMEGA** had a "mortgage burning" and installed the Church Corner Stone. In 2006, the church purchased several lots at the corner of Fenkell and Baylis. The church worship building has undergone many renovations and improvements over the years. A new Baptismal Pool was installed in the sanctuary, the Pastor's study was renovated, the peak portion of the roof was replaced in 2012, and in 2015 the roof's flat portion was replaced; and

**WHEREAS,** **ALPHA & OMEGA** is "A Church Moving Upward." For fifty years, **ALPHA & OMEGA REFORMED MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH** has been a faithful and intricate part of the spiritual and physical restoration of the nearby community and the city. The church has illuminated the City of Detroit by offering rays of hope to all humankind. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED,** That the Detroit City Council and office of Council President Brenda Jones congratulates the **ALPHA & OMEGA REFORMED MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH** on the celebration of its 50<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary.

*Brenda Jones*  
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*George Cushmanberry*  
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RESOLUTION

In Memoriam

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JAMES W. ELAM III

WHEREAS James W. Elam III, affectionately known as "Jimmy" to some and "Jimbo" to others was born November 7, 1953, to the union of Rose and James Elam, in Ruston, Louisiana. Jimmy grew up in Ruston as a young man. He lost his mother at the tender age of eleven years old. His father and his grandparents, Mamo and Papo, raised him and kept him grounded in Christian values as he grew up in the big white house the family called "the mansion"; and

WHEREAS James W. Elam III was educated in the Louisiana school system. He attended Grambling University where he was very athletic in football and baseball. While attending Grambling, he met the love of his life, Sheila Williams, of Jacksonville, Florida. After the great chase, Jimmy and Sheila were united in holy matrimony, on August 14, 1974. After losing his grandparents, Jimmy decided to move to Detroit, Michigan; and

WHEREAS In 2009, James W. Elam III retired from the General Motors Corporation after working 33 years. He continued his employment as a contractor for UAW Local 22, where he was faithful and devoted to his job until his health started to decline. He was loved and well-liked among many of his co-workers. He leaves to celebrate his life a loving and devoted wife of 43 years, Sheila, and son, Drake. He will forever be missed. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED That the Detroit City Council, Office of Council President Brenda Jones recognize the remarkable life and legacy of James W. Elam III, a life that was well lived. May we continue to always remember and honor him.

Signatures of Council President Brenda Jones and Council Members: Janet L. Ayers, Scott B. ... Raquel Castañeda-López, Dana Leland, Mary Stuppard, ...

July 15, 2017 DATE

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RESOLUTION

In Memoriam

Sergeant Kyle Bryant
Detroit Police Department

WHEREAS, We, the members of the Detroit City Council, solemnly pause today to honor the memory of the late SERGEANT KYLE BRYANT, badge S-100, a beloved son, brother, friend, colleague and dedicated member of the Detroit Police Department, who was granted his angel wings on July 30, 2017; and
WHEREAS, SERGEANT BRYANT began his career with the Detroit Police Department on December 14, 1998. After successful completion of the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, his assignments as a Police Officer included the Eleventh Precinct, Northeastern District and Tactical Mobile Unit. On January 17, 2014, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and initially assigned to the Twelfth Precinct. On October 1, 2015, SERGEANT BRYANT was transferred to Force Investigations, which was his last assignment; and
WHEREAS, SERGEANT BRYANT displayed an interest in ensuring the integrity of the Detroit Police Department, as well as safeguarding the lives of those he served. He worked diligently to foster and nurture community partnerships, trying to find solutions to citizens' concerns and problems that directly affected their quality of life. Throughout his career, SERGEANT BRYANT received numerous departmental awards and citations for his exemplary service. A nineteen-year veteran of the department, SERGEANT BRYANT served the Detroit Police Department and citizens of the City of Detroit with loyalty, integrity and professionalism. His personal involvement and commitment exemplified his dedication to the department and the citizens. He was respected not only by the people he worked with, but also the people he served. SERGEANT BRYANT also served honorably as a member of the U.S. Army Reserves; and
WHEREAS, SERGEANT BRYANT leaves to cherish his memory, his mom Heidi Norris, father Officer Alvis Owen; an active member of the Detroit Police Department, his sister Fallon Norris and brother Gerhard Owen. SERGEANT KYLE BRYANT has ensured that his impact would be forever embedded in the hearts of those he cherished for years to come. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT
RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council and office of Council President Brenda Jones, hereby extends our deepest sympathy and joins with family and friends in honoring the life of SERGEANT KYLE BRYANT. He will be greatly missed.

Brenda Jones
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

George Lushington, Jr.
COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM

James Tate
COUNCIL MEMBER

Sam Brown
COUNCIL MEMBER

Raquel Castañeda-Topsy
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Mary Sheffield
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Christy J. Spring
COUNCIL MEMBER

Janis Ford
COUNCIL MEMBER

August 3, 2017

DATE

DETROIT CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

In Memoriam

Mrs. Melvina Anderson Davis

WHEREAS, We, the members of the Detroit City Council, solemnly pause today to recognize and bestow honor on the late, MRS. MELVINA ANDERSON DAVIS, who transitioned to her heavenly home on July 25, 2017, and

WHEREAS, MELVINA was born on April 8, 1934, in Mt. Clemens, Michigan, to the late Mary Ethel and Elton A. Davis. She received her adolescent education in the Detroit Public Schools system. After graduating from high school, MELVINA enrolled at the M.D.T.A. School of Nursing, earning her license as a Practical Nurse. She was briefly employed at Detroit Receiving Hospital as a Surgical Nurse. MELVINA went on to pursue her ultimate dream of becoming a Licensed Cosmetologist at the Mary Hall Academy De Coiffure; and

WHEREAS, MELVINA and Jerry Davis were united in marriage for forty-five years. The couple were the co-owners of Mel's Salon & Associates, operating the business for the past thirty-two years. MELVINA was a preeminent trailblazer in the cosmetology industry. She was a consummate professional and passionate spokesperson for the industry throughout the United States, Europe, the Caribbean, Africa and Asia, learning new techniques to improve her skills as an international hairstylist. Along the way, she formed many lasting friendships. She was affiliated with a wide array of professional organizations including: Michigan Cosmetology Association, Amico Educational Concepts, Dudley Cosmetology University and Advanced Training Academy. MELVINA was a platform artist, consultant, and a distributor for Sebastian International products. She had several articles published in the Detroit Free Press and conducted on-air interviews for WCAR Radio Station; and

WHEREAS, MELVINA was known for her kind and giving spirit. She always had words of wisdom (although sometimes colorful), and was a great listener for anyone who needed gentle guidance. MELVINA was preceded in death by her son Steve Peoples, sister Alvernia Baylock, brother Fred Lewis, and step grandson Michael Jackson. She leaves to treasure her memory, her beloved husband Jerry Davis, sister Christine Frazier, brothers James Anderson and Edward Anderson (Dorothy), her grandson Chad Jemel Peoples, stepdaughter Yvonne Williams, stepson Marvin Williams, step granddaughter Kisha Williams, step great-grandchildren Talaine Rivers, Michael Jackson Jr. and Jordny Jackson, along with a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends. MRS. MELVINA ANDERSON DAVIS has ensured that her impact would be forever embedded in the hearts of those she cherished for years to come. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council and Council President Brenda Jones, hereby extend our deepest sympathy and joins with family and friends to celebrate the life of MRS. MELVINA ANDERSON DAVIS, a phenomenal woman and an example for us to emulate and admire.

Signatures of Council members: Brenda Jones (Council President), and several Council Members including names like 'Dana DeLeon', 'Mary Burgess', 'Carmel...', 'Jan...', 'Raynel...', 'Lynn...', 'COUNCIL MEMBER PRO TEM', 'COUNCIL MEMBER', 'COUNCIL MEMBER', 'COUNCIL MEMBER', 'COUNCIL MEMBER', 'COUNCIL MEMBER', 'COUNCIL MEMBER', 'COUNCIL MEMBER'.

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Testimonial Resolution

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Bell Biv DeVoe

WHEREAS, Ricky Bell, Michael Bivins, and Ronnie DeVoe formed the group at the suggestion of producers Jimmy Jam & Terry Lewis. Upon accepting the idea, MCA records wrote down the name Bell Bivins DeVoe, but Bivins suggested they remove the ins from his name and just call the group Bell Biv DeVoe. With help from Public Enemy producers Eric Sadler, Hank and Keith Shocklee, and several others, Bell Biv DeVoe released its debut album Poison in 1990, on MCA Records. The album was credited as pioneering the "new jack swing" sound of the early 1990s, combining hip-hop, funk, soul, and pop music. This fusion of styles helped to expose them to a fan base who prefer a harder edge sound.

WHEREAS, Poison reached number 1 on Billboard's R&B/Hip-Hop chart, and its title track, along with its second single, "Do Me!" both reached number 3 on Billboard's Hot 100 chart. Poison also spawned the singles "B.B.D. (I Thought It Was Me)?", "When Will I See You Smile Again?" and "She's Dope!" Poison sold over four million copies, and was followed up by a remix album titled WBBD-Bootcity. Richard Wolf and Epic Mazur helped create BBD's premiere album, blending rhythm, blues, pop, and rock, and Poison achieve triple Platinum success.

WHEREAS, Bell Biv DeVoe went on to release Hootie Mack in 1993 on MCA Records, and the more hardcore rap/R&B influenced BBD in 2001 on Biv 10 Records. Neither album was as successful as Poison; however, Hootie Mack did reach Gold success. Despite the fact that their last album was released in 2001, the members of Bell Biv DeVoe continue to perform together as a group. They also participated in several New Edition reunions, and continue to perform with them on tour as part of the group.

WHEREAS, On May 30, 2013, Bell Biv DeVoe performed their hit song "Poison" for Boston Strong, a benefit concert to raise money for victims of the Boston Marathon bombing. In 2016 BBD released their first track in 15 years, "Run," along with an accompanying music video. It was the first single off the album Three Stripes, which was released January 27, 2017.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Office of City Council Member Mary Sheffield and the Detroit City Council salutes and commends Bell Biv DeVoe for their success in the music industry.

RESOLVED, on this 29th day of July that this resolution endures as a permanent record of respect and admiration, and that a suitably-enrolled copy is presented to Bell Biv DeVoe.

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George Cushungbery
COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM

Doree Rayner
COUNCIL MEMBER

Scott Brown
COUNCIL MEMBER

Raquel Castañeda-López
COUNCIL MEMBER

Johna Duffell
COUNCIL MEMBER

Mary Sheffield
COUNCIL MEMBER

Andre Spivey
COUNCIL MEMBER

Gene Ford
COUNCIL MEMBER

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**RESOLUTION**  
In Memoriam  
**Dwight Richard Rose**

(July 29, 1947 – July 19, 2017)

**WHEREAS**, Dwight R. Rose was born on July 29, 1947 to Leodis and Thelma Rose, in Birmingham Alabama. The 6<sup>th</sup> of 10 children, Dwight received his education in the Birmingham School System. Dwight affectionately known as “Sonny” dedicated his hope in Christ at an early age while in Alabama and upon moving to Detroit Michigan Dwight attended several Churches in the Detroit area most notably Williams Chapel Baptist Church on Detroit’s east side.

**WHEREAS**, Dwight was a man of few words, but possessed a quiet strength that allowed for the words he spoke to let you know “He meant business” and it was in your best interest to act accordingly. Dwight had a sense of humor that would leave you both tickled and confused. Although he left the country, the “country” never left Him. And that sense of humor and laughter will be both remembered and missed, but celebrated for years to come.

**WHEREAS**, Dwight was employed with the Chrysler Automotive Company (FCA) as of date, from 1971 until his retirement in 2009 after 38 years of dedicated and honorable service. Dwight loved bike riding. He could be seen at any given time during his retirement riding through his neighborhood and even further. Dwight also enjoyed bowling, even traveling on several occasions to Las Vegas, NV. for the annual bowling league. Dwight also loved his music and could be found relaxing with a cold beer, while washing his cars and enjoying the blues.

**WHEREAS**, He leaves to cherish his memory and carry on his legacy, his son Richard Cornell Rose (Shawntell Haley), Susie Spencer-Brown the mother of his son, Kellie Spencer-Henderson (Frederick), Craig Thompson, and Lawrence Spencer (Serena) all of Detroit, MI. Thirteen grandchildren most notably, Wykeniqua E. R. Rose-Dupree and Javon D. Roseberry, as well as 12 great grandchildren. His brother Donnie Rose (Patricia) of Birmingham Ala. and James Bell (Lillian) of Flint, MI. Sisters Elizabeth Garfield, Wilma Bursey (Calvin) and Emma Jean Rose of Detroit, MI. Good Friends Willie Lattimore and Jake Ross of Detroit, MI. As well as a host of nieces’, nephews’, and cousins and friends.

**RESOLVED**, That the **Office of City Council Member Mary Sheffield** and the **Detroit City Council**, hereby celebrate the rich life and legacy of, **Dwight Richard Rose** a true example of Detroit resilience and a bright leader in our city.

  
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Testimonial Resolution  
In Memoriam

CAROLYN ELAINE KELLEY

**WHEREAS,** Mrs. Carolyn Elaine Kelley was born on January 3, 1956 in Montgomery, Alabama to the union of Ivory Yelder and Jesse Mae Yelder. She moved to Detroit, Michigan and accepted Christ at an early age, and was a faithful member of the Seventh Day Adventist faith. She was married to the late Theodore Kelley, with one son born to this union: Theodore Kelley, Jr.; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** Mrs. Kelley attended both Wayne County Community College and Wayne State University and later began her career as a registered nurse and educator. She also worked as an officer for the Detroit Public Schools district and enjoyed working with youth and was very devoted and proud to work in the Detroit Public Schools system; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** Mrs. Kelley worked diligently for seven years as a member of the North Rosedale Park Civic Association (NRPCA) in the Program Department where she assisted with grant writing, strategies, and block club meetings and other administrative programs for the neighborhood until her untimely illness; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** Throughout her life, Mrs. Kelley consistently exhibited a commitment to improving the quality of life of others as a true role model, civic leader, and family member, and we are forever grateful for her contributions to our community. On behalf of the residents of the City of Detroit, we where she; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED,** That Councilman James E. Tate, Jr., and the entire Detroit City Council, hereby present this testimonial resolution as an expression of gratitude and esteem, on behalf of the residents of the City of Detroit, to honor the life and service of Mrs. Carolyn Elaine Kelley. We join Gloria Goodwine and her family in honoring their mother and sister for her life-long achievements, work with children, contributions to the health profession and service to the community and we thank her for her love for North Rosedale Park and the entire City of Detroit.

*James E. Tate, Jr.*  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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*Raquel Castañeda-López*  
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