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**TESTIMONIAL
RESOLUTIONS
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PRIVILEGE**

Testimonial Resolution

In Memoriam

Eddie Gaylor, Sr.

July 12, 1945 – July 25, 2018

WHEREAS The members of the Detroit City Council are saddened to honor an outstanding man for his tireless work and dedication to the Council and the residents of the City of Detroit; **and**

WHEREAS Eddie Gaylor, Sr. was born July 12, 1945 in Dyersburg, Tennessee where he received his primary education and graduated from Bruce High School. He went on to acquire his bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University, and being the man of service that he was, Eddie joined the United States Army in 1966 and was honorably discharged in 1969; **and**

WHEREAS Eddie was employed by the Chrysler Corporation and had worked his way up the ranks to Executive Leader when he retired. Remaining faithful to his community, Eddie went on to work for the Detroit City Council as Chief of Staff to Councilman George Cushingberry for many years, where he made sure the communities voice was heard and they remained informed of all the things happening in their city. He then later transitioned to the A-Team with Councilwoman Janeé L. Ayers until he could no longer work; **and**

WHEREAS Being raised in the church, Eddie accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and became a dedicated member and trustee of Northwest Unity Baptist Church. Eddie was also an avid lover of the game of golf but his greatest passion was spending time and caring for his beloved family and friends.
THEREFORE, LET IT BE

RESOLVED That Councilwoman Janeé L. Ayers and the entire Detroit City Council express heartfelt sympathy and extends condolences to his family. *"If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."* John 14:3

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AUGUST 4, 2018

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Testimonial Resolution
In Memoriam

Jack Cornelius Wiley II

August 31, 1988 – August 21, 2018

WHEREAS Jack Cornelius Wiley II was born August 31, 1988 to Jack and Madona Wiley. He was the youngest of five children. At an early age Jack joined St. John's C.M.E. Church and turned his life over to Christ. He lived life lovingly, jokingly and to the fullest extent and he loved to tell you a joke before he told you something serious; **and**

WHEREAS Jack's legacy tells his story. He was educated in both the Detroit Public and Livonia School Systems. Following graduation he also attended Flight School for a year. Jack's first job was at Masaba Airlines at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, going on to work for OnStar as a representative and finally with the Detroit Fire Department; **and**

WHEREAS Jack joined the Detroit Fire Department in November 2014 where he flourished. He had a calling to help people throughout his life. Jack served as a youth mentor and a basketball coach for the Detroit Public School System; **and**

WHEREAS In his off time Jack was also a photographer, which was one of his many passions. He also worked side by side with his father at his company, Enterprise Vertical Blinds. During his time at the Fire Department he attended Bomb Squad School and EMT academy; **and**

WHEREAS Jack will be most remembered for his love of family, friends and the Detroit Fire Department. He was a servant of God and the community and he displayed his love and faith at all times; **THEREFORE, LET IT BE**

RESOLVED That Councilwoman Janeé L. Ayers and the entire Detroit City Council express heartfelt sympathy and extends condolences to her family. *"If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."* John 14:3

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August 29, 2018

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Testimonial Resolution

RuShann Chavous Long

65th Birthday Celebration

WHEREAS: RuShann Chavous Long is a wife, mother and community activist born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. She graduated from Detroit's Chadsey High School and William Tyndale College in Farmington Hills, Michigan. RuShann has been married to Everette Long for 38 years. They are the parents of four children: Freeman, Erika, Ingrid and Raina; *and*

WHEREAS: RuShann began her career with the State of Michigan as a clerk and retired as a District Manager at the Department of Health and Human Services. During her career RuShann was instrumental in making improvements in the delivery of services. She believed the public she served should be treated as customers rather than clients with a number; *and*

WHEREAS: RuShann is a member of Unity Baptist Church. She is actively involved in the work of the church and serves as a member of the Board of Trustees; *and*

WHEREAS: Her community couldn't ask for a better advocate. She is actively involved in her neighborhood, keeping an eye on the services the community receives, as well as the ones they don't. As President of the Blight Task Force of the Midwest Civic Council of Block Clubs, she campaigns for beautification and safety of the neighborhood by writing letters to those in power, making sure the voice of the community is heard during community meetings, and so much more; *and*

WHEREAS: RuShann Chavous Long is celebrating her 65th Birthday, August 25, 2018, Sacred Heart Activities Building, 3451 Rivard, Detroit, Michigan 48207, 6-11PM. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López and her colleagues on the Detroit City Council celebrate 65 years of the life of RuShann Chavous Long. Thank you RuShann for your dedication to improving your community and the City of Detroit.

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August 25, 2018
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Testimonial Resolution

In Memoriam

Police Officer James Lanier Hearn Detroit Police Department

WHEREAS, We, the members of the **Detroit City Council**, solemnly pause today to honor the memory of the late **OFFICER JAMES LANIER HEARN**, badge 3589, a beloved son, father, brother, fiancé, colleague, friend, and dedicated member of the Detroit Police Department, who was granted his angel wings on July 26, 2018; **and**

WHEREAS, A native Detroiter, **OFFICER JAMES HEARN** was born on May 12, 1991. He graduated from Martin Luther King Jr. Senior High School and also received a certificate from the Crockett Vocational Center. **OFFICER HEARN** was the fiancé of Ashley Dominique Dalton and the father of their two children; 11-year-old daughter, Anayah and 9-month-old baby son, Collin. **OFFICER HEARN** decided to become a police officer as he wanted to follow in the footsteps of his father who retired from the Detroit Police Department after serving 30 years; **and**

WHEREAS, **OFFICER JAMES HEARN** was appointed to the Department on February 24, 2014, and successfully completed training at the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy. During his four years and five months on the force, **OFFICER HEARN** embraced his passion for law enforcement and was a model of the “ultimate community officer.” He worked at the department’s Twelfth Precinct before transferring to the Downtown Services Section. **OFFICER HEARN** loved his job and working with the youth as a volunteer with the department’s Police Athletic League, and the Team-Up summer leadership camp at Winans Academy. **OFFICER HEARN** had previously been awarded a life-saving citation for rushing into a burning building to perform a rescue; **and**

WHEREAS, **OFFICER HEARN** had a heart of gold and continuously exhibited an enthusiastic demeanor with his magnetic smile. Although his time on the force was short, **OFFICER HEARN** made a mark on the people he worked with and also the citizens he protected and served. He will forever be remembered for his integrity, commitment and sacrifice to the Detroit Police Department and the citizens of the City of Detroit. His legacy lives on through his children; his parents; siblings; extended family and friends. **OFFICER JAMES HEARN** 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 **DETROIT POLICE OFFICER JAMES HEARN**. He will be greatly missed.

Brenda Jones

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James Tate

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August 4, 2018

DATE

Testimonial Resolution
In Memoriam

Detective Roy David Gilbert
Detroit Police Department

WHEREAS, We, the members of the **Detroit City Council**, solemnly pause today to honor the memory of the late **DETECTIVE ROY DAVID GILBERT**, a dedicated member of the Detroit Police Department who was granted his angel wings on July 5, 2018; and

WHEREAS, **DETECTIVE GILBERT**, badge D-4190, was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on July 31, 2000. After graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, he began his career as a Police Officer at the Twelfth Precinct; and

WHEREAS, **OFFICER GILBERT** served at the Twelfth Precinct from January 2000 to September 2005, and again from February 2009 to October 2011. In addition to the Twelfth Precinct, his assignments included the Western District and Special Victims/Sex Crimes Unit. **OFFICER GILBERT** excelled in many facets and as a result of his exemplary work ethic, he was promoted to the rank of Detective on August 15, 2014; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, **GILBERT** was honored at the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) conference in New Orleans for heroism in the line of duty when he saved the life of his wounded partner, Officer John McKee. He was named the nation's 2007 *Police Officer of the Year* by Parade Magazine and the IACP. Throughout his eighteen (18) year tenure, **DETECTIVE GILBERT** received numerous departmental awards, which included the Citation for Valor, (2) Chief's Citations, the NFL Super Bowl XL Recognition Award, Rosa Parks Funeral Recognition Award, the MLB All-Star Baseball Recognition Award, a Perfect Attendance Award, the Conclusion of the Conditions of Confinement Consent Judgment Award, and the Fireworks Celebration Award. He also received several accolades and commendations from the department, other agencies and citizens for his professionalism and expertise. **DETECTIVE GILBERT** was best known for his amazing sense of humor and he often touched people with happiness and laughter. He was highly respected among his co-workers and colleagues. **DETECTIVE GILBERT** served the Detroit Police Department with commitment, honor and distinction. His service to others will always be appreciated. **DETECTIVE ROY DAVID GILBERT** 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, friends and members of the Detroit Police Department, in honoring the life and legacy of **DETECTIVE ROY DAVID GILBERT**.

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July 17, 2018

DATE

Testimonial Resolution

In Memoriam

Reverend Dr. Sterling Lee Jones

WHEREAS, We, the members of the Detroit City Council, solemnly pause today to honor the memory of the late REV. DR. STERLING LEE JONES, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and the beloved Pastor of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, who made his heavenly transition on July 8, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Born September 28, 1941, in Vicksburg, Mississippi, to Jim Jones and Artie Lee Bins-Jones, DR. JONES migrated to Detroit in the 1960s. He graduated from Mississippi Baptist Seminary and earned a Doctorate from Natchez College. DR. JONES was elected pastor of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church on August 20, 1969, and officially installed on February 8, 1970. During his younger years, he was known for his thundering voice when he sang "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross," for the opening of the Sunday morning worship services over the airways; and

WHEREAS, DR. JONES preached the Gospel for over 56 years and celebrated his 48th year as the proud Pastor of Mt. Zion. He was recognized as a distinguished leader and established himself nationally and internationally, as one of the premier deliverers of the Word of God. His knowledge and expression of God's Word garnered the respect and admiration of his peers, and inspired his congregation and the community. DR. JONES was filled with the love of God and humanity. His commitment to God and the children of God was exemplified through his leadership abilities and the spiritual assignment bestowed upon him. Under his visionary leadership, many outreach ministries and programs were created at Mt. Zion, including evening bible classes, a youth department, Nurses Guild, the Artie Lee Bins-Jones Honor Roll, S.L. Jones after-school program, and the Care-Giver Ministry which served senior citizens throughout the community and also trained seniors for employment through a collaboration with AARP. DR. JONES also formed the S.L. Jones Community Outreach Center, a non-profit organization to provide much-needed assistance and resources to people living in the Mack and Van Dyke community; and

WHEREAS, DR. JONES spearheaded efforts for the construction of a \$6 million edifice that was completed in 1990. The new church included space for a dining hall, full kitchen, classrooms, and a 5,000 square foot balcony. These additions also provided the opportunity for daily learning activities for children, including tutoring programs. On October 26, 2003, the church was able to burn the remaining \$1.5 million mortgage, holding a ceremony led by DR. JONES to commemorate the achievement; and

WHEREAS, DR. JONES was a pillar in the east side community. In July 2013, he was honored with the renaming of street signs on the corner of Mack and Van Dyke, to S.L. JONES DRIVE. His love and compassion for people made Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, a church of love, hope, faith, and concern for the lost in Detroit. DR. JONES delivered his final sermon at Mt. Zion on June 5, 2017. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife Gwendolyn; one daughter, Evangelist DesMonika Jones; one son, Pastor Jerel Johnson (Pastor DeShawn); six grandchildren and his Mt. Zion family. REV. DR. STERLING LEE JONES has been a good servant and ensured that the values and traditions, by which he lived, would exist 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 joins with family and friends in honoring the life and legacy of REV. DR. STERLING LEE JONES, a noble man and an example for us to aspire to.

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July 21, 2018

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Testimonial Resolution

In Memoriam

MR. WILLIAM WESTRICK

WHEREAS, We, the members of the **Detroit City Council**, solemnly pause today to honor the memory of the late **MR. WILLIAM G. WESTRICK**, a beloved husband, father and grandfather, who departed this life on June 26, 2018; **and**

WHEREAS, MR. WESTRICK was the former President and CEO of Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick (AEW) Civil Engineering. With 52 years of experience, he had a long and distinguished career in the civil engineering field. As a design/construction engineer with the Road Commission of Macomb County for 10 years, **MR. WESTRICK** then joined Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick in 1972 as a principal owner. He was instrumental in implementing the Total Quality Management (TQM) program for the continuous improvement of the company, relative to the goal of outstanding service delivery. **MR. WESTRICK** was also the promoter of AEW ACEC (American Council of Engineering Companies) projects. He promoted and performed several ACEC endeavors over the years including elementary and high school education projects; such as science competition tournaments and meeting with students to discuss opportunities in the Civil Engineering profession. Additionally, **MR. WESTRICK** taught construction classes, on a part time basis, at Macomb Community College; **and**

WHEREAS, MR. WESTRICK volunteered for 10 years as a member on the Detroit Board of Water Commissioners, representing Macomb County. During his tenure, he was a founding Board Member of the non-profit organization, WAVE (Water Access Volunteer Effort). He donated the first \$5,000 to the WAVE Fund. This gracious donation was used to assist low-income Detroit residents to maintain their water and sewerage bills; **and**

WHEREAS, MR. WESTRICK dedicated his life to protecting the environment. He managed his sustainable forestry project on 200 acres in Northern Michigan. In addition, he served on the initial HEART Administrative Committee to promote clean quality water from Lake Huron to Lake Erie, and served on a similar task force for the St. Clair River, in partnership with his daughter, Judy, the Director of the Lumen Instrument Center at Wayne State University. **MR. WESTRICK** was a member of the Clinton River and Tip of the Mitt Watershed Councils, and the Six Rivers, Little Traverse, and Nature Land Conservancies. A longtime philanthropist, he was a friend of the Metroparks and promoted and sponsored projects at Stony Creek, Wolcott Mill and Wolcott Farms. **MR. WESTRICK** was also a dedicated Board Member, fund raiser, and promoter of the Macomb Community College Foundation, as well as a Home Visiting Team Member for St. Vincent de Paul. **MR. WESTRICK** had a rich and fruitful life. His love and kindness demonstrated through his philanthropy towards improving the quality of life for the residents of Detroit and Southeastern Michigan, will continue to resonate in the community and around the world. **MR. WESTRICK** was preceded in death by his late wife, Gloria. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife Fran; three sons, Aaron (Kim), William (Vicky), and Paul (Beth); two daughters, Judy (David) and Mary (Jeffrey); and fifteen grandchildren. **MR. WILLIAM G. WESTRICK** has been a good servant and ensured that the values and traditions by which he lived, would exist 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**, joins with family and friends in honoring the life and legacy of **MR. WILLIAM G. WESTRICK**. He will be greatly missed and his contributions and the lessons he taught will live on forever.

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July 23, 2018
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Testimonial Resolution

3rd Deputy Chief George Henry Chester, Jr. DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

- WHEREAS,** On Monday, July 16, 2018, **3rd Deputy Chief George H. Chester Jr.**, will be departing from the Detroit Police Department (DPD) after twenty-two plus years of dedicated service. **3rd Deputy Chief Chester** was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on January 8, 1996. Upon graduation from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, he was assigned to the Thirteenth Precinct from June 19, 1996 until October 12, 1998; **and**
- WHEREAS,** On October 12, 1998, **Officer Chester** was assigned to the Special Response Team. He became part of "Charlie Team 98," after completing 640 hours of Policing Terrorist Incidents. The training consisted of Hostage Negotiations, Executive Protection, Precision Driving, Tactical Firearms, Rappelling, Dynamic Entry and other training. While assigned to the Special Response Team, **Officer Chester** served as the training coordinator as well as primary instructor for Executive Protection and Hostage Negotiation. **Officer Chester** participated in hundreds of barricaded gunman and high risk search warrants. In 1999, **Officer Chester** was assigned to the Office of Chief of Police to perform Executive Protection duties for Chief Benny Napoleon. Since then he has performed Executive Protection details under six Chief's, including Chief James E. Craig; **and**
- WHEREAS,** On March 9, 2015, **Officer Chester** was appointed to the rank of Corporal and assigned to oversee the Executive Protection Units for City Council and the Mayor's detail. On February 9, 2016, **Corporal Chester** was appointed to the rank of 3rd Deputy Chief and assigned as the Officer-In-Charge of the Executive Protection Unit. In this capacity, he was responsible for the protection and security of the Mayor, the Chief of Police, and the City Council, as well as their staff; **and**
- WHEREAS,** After obtaining a Master's degree in Homeland Security Emergency Management and Terrorism, **3rd Deputy Chief Chester** was assigned as the Critical Incident Manager for the Detroit Police Department. He worked closely with the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for the City of Detroit. During his illustrious career, **3rd Deputy Chief Chester** was the recipient of numerous departmental awards, including a Chief's Merit Award, Lifesaving Award, Valor Award, the Frank Walls Award, Chief's Unit Award, the All Star Game Recognition Award, Rosa Parks Funeral Recognition Award, several Chief Citations, and other accolades and commendations. **3rd Deputy Chief George Henry Chester Jr.** has served the Detroit Police Department and the citizens of Detroit with loyalty, integrity and professionalism. He 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 **3rd Deputy Chief George Henry Chester Jr.** for his positive contributions to the Detroit Police Department and for twenty-two plus years of dedicated law enforcement service.

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July 30, 2018
DATE

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Testimonial Resolution

In Memoriam

Reverend Dr. Samuel H. Bullock Jr.

- WHEREAS,** We, the members of the **Detroit City Council**, solemnly pause today to honor the memory of the late **REV. DR. SAMUEL H. BULLOCK JR.**, a beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend to many, who made his heavenly transition on July 12, 2018. Born on October 13, 1942, in Boston, Massachusetts, to the late Rev. Dr. Samuel Bullock Sr. and Lucille Bullock, **REV. DR. BULLOCK JR.** was the only son and the youngest of three children. He and his older sisters, Martha Bullock Smith and the late Madeline B. Culpepper grew up in a very prominent, black Baptist home. His father, Rev. Dr. Samuel Bullock Sr., was the founder and pastor of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Boston. He was very active in the civil rights movement and mentored Rev. Ike, Malcolm X, and was an avid supporter of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This laid the foundation for his son's spiritual growth and acceptance of the social gospel; **and**
- WHEREAS,** **DR. BULLOCK JR.** attended Boston Latin School. He enlisted in the United States Army and served an honorable tour of duty in the 182nd Airborne Division. In the early 1970s, he relocated to Detroit, Michigan. He attended Highland Park Community College and Wayne State University, where he received an Associate of Arts and a Bachelor of Science degree. **DR. BULLOCK** and the late Joan Ann Bullock were united in holy matrimony on April 24, 1971. The couple shared a passion for the Christian gospel and education. They both taught in the Detroit and Highland Park Public School systems and attended New Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Ferndale, Michigan; **and**
- WHEREAS,** In 1976, the family moved back to Boston so that he could continue his education and preparation for ministry at Andover Newton Theological School in Massachusetts, where he received a Master of Divinity degree. In the late 80s, he attended Drew University in New Jersey and earned a Doctor of Ministry degree. While in Boston, **DR. BULLOCK** started a church with family members. He named it Salvation Baptist Church. After graduating from seminary, he was called to the Lincoln Congregational Church in Brockton, Massachusetts. **DR. BULLOCK** served there until he was called back to Detroit to serve as pastor of Bethany Baptist Church in 1982. He took over a racially mixed congregation and was the first African American pastor of Bethany, which is an American and Progressive Baptist Church. **DR. BULLOCK** became a voice for urban uplift, excellence in education and one of Detroit's most respected clergymen. The Bullocks founded the Bethany Baptist Education Center, with classes from pre-K to 8th grade focusing on math, science and moral training. The center's enrollment grew to its maximum capacity of 200 students. Joan made her transition in 1993; **and**
- WHEREAS,** On April 27, 1996, **DR. BULLOCK** married Carla Scott. This union lasted 22 years. Together, their love and devotion to one another allowed them to joyfully cultivate a life of travel and fellowship. They often hosted family and friends at their home, where **DR. BULLOCK** would demonstrate his culinary excellence by preparing delicious meals. He also enjoyed playing golf, watching baseball and the cable news network MSNBC; **and**
- WHEREAS,** **DR. BULLOCK** was a pastor who believed in the Christian gospel. He lived for the sole purpose of glorifying God. Under his instruction and tutelage, many God-fearing individuals at Bethany and beyond answered the call to preach the good news of Jesus Christ. **DR. BULLOCK** was committed to female church leadership and encouraged women to preach and pastor. He stood up for excellence in education at Detroit Public Schools and even got ticketed for shutting down the I-75 freeway in protest of the anti-democratic Emergency Manager Law. **DR. BULLOCK** was affiliated with a wide array of religious, professional, civic and non-profit organizations – too many to name. He was the anchor of his family and a shining example of fatherhood. The lessons he taught, the example he set, and the wisdom he imparted made a significant impact in the lives of others. **REV. DR. SAMUEL H. BULLOCK JR.** has been a good servant. He ensured that the values and traditions, by which he lived, would exist 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 joins with family and friends in honoring the life and legacy of **REV. DR. SAMUEL H. BULLOCK JR.**, a noble man and an example for us to aspire to.

Brenda Jones
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July 28, 2018
DATE

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Testimonial Resolution

National Association of Black Journalists

WHEREAS, For the first time in 26 years, the city of Detroit is proud to host the members of the **National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ)** for the 2018 Annual Convention and Career Fair. The **Detroit City Council** would like to extend a warm welcome and thank you to NABJ organizers, NABJ President Sarah Glover and 2018 Convention Chairwoman Eva D. Coleman for recognizing the value of presenting this important and significant convention in Detroit. And, a special thank you to the local Detroit Chapter NABJ for helping to make this extraordinary event a reality; **and**

WHEREAS, Founded by 44 men and women on December 12, 1975, in Washington, D.C., NABJ is the largest organization of journalists of color in the nation. Since its inception, NABJ has been on the forefront working tirelessly to advocate for fairness in the workplace for black journalists, and to strive for credible journalism that broadly portrays the voices and experiences of African Americans and people of color around the globe; **and**

WHEREAS, The NABJ convention and career fair provides the perfect opportunity to enhance Detroit’s image on a worldwide scale. It’s expected to attract more than 3,000 of the nation’s leading journalists, media executives, public relations professionals, recruiters, educators and students. Hundreds of people in business, politics and the entertainment industry are also expected to make an appearance. The convention is estimated to generate about \$10.6 million in direct spending into Detroit’s economy; **and**

WHEREAS, NABJ produces the largest journalism career fair in the United States. More than 60 media organizations will set up booths to promote their companies and meet prospective job candidates. Every year, NABJ awards nearly \$100,000 in scholarships and internships to college and high school students nationwide, as well as fellowships for seasoned professionals; **and**

WHEREAS, This year’s theme is “#NABJ18: Driving Journalism, Technology & Trust.” Detroit Chapter NABJ organizers have worked hard to make sure that Detroit stays front and center throughout the five-day convention. The convention kicked off with a “Diversity in the D” Town Hall. The schedule of activities and events that are open to the public, include the NABJ Sports Task Force Scholarship Jam, tours of the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, the Motor City 5k Run/Walk/Bike event to promote health and wellness, the traditional NABJ Gospel Brunch and a spectacular evening concert at Chene Park. Honorees at the NABJ “Salute to Excellence” award show will include several Detroiters and journalists who have spent at least part of their career in the Detroit media market. Now in its 44th season, the **National Association of Black Journalists** is an important part of Detroit’s legacy and will play a pivotal role in its future. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the **National Association of Black Journalists** be awarded this Testimonial Resolution from the **Detroit City Council** and office of **Council President Brenda Jones**, in recognition of its **2018 Annual Convention and Career Fair**. Thank you for choosing Detroit!

Brenda Jones

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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August 1 – 5, 2018

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TRACEY WOODS

- Whereas** It is with great pleasure and privilege that we, the members of the Detroit City Council, recognize and bestow due honor upon TRACEY WOODS, a dynamic woman and inspiring coach, and a empathy and compassion guru **and**
- Whereas** Tracey began her career in Health Care Administration at the University of Phoenix. Her commitment to education and professional growth did not stop there, as for the past 32 years, Tracey has tirelessly worked to further the quality of service that health care professionals provide. At the University of Michigan, she contributed to the development of faculty and staff members in leadership development, coaching, and team building as a Lead Training Specialist, Performance Consultant and Instructional Designer in the Department of Service Excellence, Office of Patient Experience **and**
- Whereas** Tracey's contributions to the health care profession have reached thousands of staff members at the University of Michigan. As a result of the time and effort that she tirelessly poured into budding and seasoned professionals alike, upwards of 20,000 students have been trained to a higher standard of care and professionalism **and**
- Whereas** Her passion for education and experience in expanding outcomes in higher education and her commitment to service prepared her to branch out, inspiring her to create Season Solutions, LLC., which expands organizations' ability to provide excellent service. Tracey's brainchild, Season Solutions, LLC, has provided her the unique opportunity to invest in a diverse array of clients in both the public and private sectors. Tracey has always looked for ways to contribute to visionary leadership and the interpersonal skills of her clients **and**
- Resolved** That the **Detroit City Council** and **Office of Council President Brenda Jones**, hereby provide our warmest recognition of Tracey's life of service, while also congratulating her for her transition into a robust retirement from the University of Michigan.

September 4, 2018

Testimonial Resolution

In Memoriam

“The Queen of Soul” Aretha Franklin

WHEREAS, We, the members of the **Detroit City Council**, solemnly pause today to recognize and bestow homage upon the late, legendary **“QUEEN OF SOUL” ARETHA FRANKLIN**, a beloved Mother, Grandmother, Aunt, Sister-in-law, Musician, and Cultural Icon adoringly loved by fans and friends across the globe, who made her heavenly transition on August 16, 2018; **and**

WHEREAS, Welcomed into the world on March 25, 1942 in Memphis, Tennessee, **ARETHA LOUISE FRANKLIN** was one of five children born to her Mother, Barbara Siggers Franklin, four of which came from her union with Clarence LaVaughn (C.L.) Franklin, a well-known Pastor who would go on to lead the New Bethel Baptist Church, after the family relocated to Detroit, Michigan. Now firmly planted in Detroit, **ARETHA** began polishing her vocal prowess through gospel music at her Father’s church. It was there that her rare tone and ability to transform her voice into a melodic dream was noticed by those that would help catapult her career into the decades-long path of success that we recognize today. However, **ARETHA** never forgot her roots in the church. She was a frequent visitor at New Bethel, often hosting free gospel concerts, holiday celebrations, and humanitarian efforts; **and**

WHEREAS, Having embraced a calling that would lead her to become the most recognizable face and voice in soul, gospel and R&B, **ARETHA FRANKLIN** and her immense library of recordings would go on to earn an impressive amount of accolades, including receiving eighteen Grammy Awards, a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award, a Grammy Living Legend Award, and being the first female artist inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1987. She was also inducted into the UK Music Hall of Fame and the GMA Gospel Music Hall of Fame. In 1994, at the age of 52, **ARETHA** became the youngest recipient of the Kennedy Center Honor. On November 9, 2005, **ARETHA** received the nation’s highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, awarded by President George W. Bush. She also had the honor of performing at the inauguration celebrations of Presidents; Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton and Barack Obama. In addition, **ARETHA** was awarded honorary doctorates from a host of colleges and universities; **and**

WHEREAS, **ARETHA’S** singing moved seamlessly among gospel, soul, R&B, pop, blues, jazz, and even opera. Her powerful, distinctive vocals influenced many generations and countless singers. **ARETHA** was also masterful at the keyboard, playing the piano on most of the work that she’s best remembered for. Displaying her acting skills, **ARETHA** lip-synched a new version of one of her Top 10 hits, “Think” making a scene-stealing appearance as a waitress in the 1980 comedy, “The Blues Brothers.” **ARETHA** was a socially conscious artist who actively participated in the civil and human rights movements, utilizing her talent and resources to make significant contributions. At age 16, she went on tour with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He later presented her with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Drum Beat Award for Musicians, just two months prior to his death. **ARETHA** sang at Dr. King’s funeral; **and**

WHEREAS, Proud of her professional accomplishments, she was equally content with the joy she received from those she cherished, including family and friends. The Mother of four sons, **ARETHA** created and nurtured connections with loved ones all over the world and most certainly left a lasting impression in the hearts and minds of those she knew personally and many that she never met. The Detroit Diva performed her final hometown show on June 10, 2017, headlining the Detroit Music Weekend festival at the Music Hall. **ARETHA** gave a moving, emotion-packed free concert for thousands of adoring fans gathered in the streets. In recognition of her enormous impact on Detroit and beyond, Council President Brenda Jones introduced a resolution, approved by City Council, to honor **ARETHA FRANKLIN** with one of the City’s most prestigious displays of appreciation, a secondary street sign, officially renaming a portion of Madison Avenue, **Aretha Franklin Way**, which now occupies the intersection between Witherell and Brush Streets. **ARETHA** admitted that out of all the recognitions she had received in her life, this was the crowning point. Throughout her extraordinary life and career, **ARETHA FRANKLIN** earned the love and respect – of millions of people all over the world. **ARETHA** loved Detroit, the city she called home, and Detroit loved her back. **ARETHA FRANKLIN** was the true Spirit of Detroit! **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the **Detroit City Council** and office of Council President **Brenda Jones**, joins with family, friends, and fans in honoring the life and legacy of **QUEEN ARETHA FRANKLIN**. She will be greatly missed and her contributions to the world will forever live on.

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August 31, 2018

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Testimonial Resolution

In Memoriam

MR. JOHN WILLIE MAXEY

WHEREAS, We, the members of the **Detroit City Council**, solemnly pause today to recognize and bestow homage upon the late **MR. JOHN WILLIE MAXEY**, a beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather and great-grandfather, godfather, uncle, cousin and friend to many, who made his heavenly transition on August 10, 2018. **JOHN MAXEY** was born on December 27, 1940, in Ruston-Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, to the late Mildred Leona and Willie D. Maxey. His parents moved to Detroit, Michigan in 1942, when he was a toddler. Raised by two devout Christian parents, **JOHN** accepted Christ at a very early age. He graduated from Pershing High School and matriculated to Eastern Michigan University. During his college years, **JOHN** pledged Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. He majored in Special Education, earning a Bachelor's degree in 1962 and a Master's degree in 1964; and

WHEREAS, As a strong and distinguished Black man in his community, **JOHN** took great pride in education, humility and leadership. He was highly respected and fondly referred to as "**MR. MAXEY.**" **JOHN** carried a sense of community with him – always doing everything he could to support and uplift the Black community. He had a special passion for youth and pouring into them the values and morals of becoming upstanding individuals in society. That passion led him to several special education teaching and counseling positions in the Highland Park School District. **JOHN** retired from teaching in 1991. Following retirement, **JOHN'S** newfound passion was music. Throughout this second chapter of his extraordinary career, **JOHN** worked with the world-renowned songwriter, Ivy Joe Hunter. During this period, he also spent a good portion of his time pursuing his future wife and realizing his dreams of developing artists of varying genres, from Rhythm & Blues to conscious Rap and Hip Hop. As the Executive of Probe Complex and President of Probe II, **JOHN** was responsible for all publishing, management and productions. He worked with a wide variety of local and national artists and became a member of the dynamic trio of the record company, World One Records, (alongside Gene David and Carl "Butch" Small). **JOHN** was fully invested in this endeavor, as he strived to support the dreams and talents of others; and

WHEREAS, On June 12, 1993, **JOHN** married the love of his life and best friend, Dorethea. To this union, three children were born: Jonathan, Jonae and Juwan. As a family unit, it was agreed that God would be paramount in their household. The foundation of this unit was built upon love, honor, commitment and respect. As equally important was having the best opportunities for learning and education at every level. Always a huge sports fan, **JOHN** was elated when his children showed interest in participating in sports. He eagerly encouraged, directed and supported them in their individual areas of interest – which extended far beyond sports. Supporting his children and their dreams, **JOHN** frequently traveled throughout the country, always demonstrating love, interest and support as they explored their own paths. He wholeheartedly believed that commitment and hard work were the keys to their success. **JOHN** believed this so much that he even accepted the role of assistant coach to support not just his children, but the other members of the team as well; and

WHEREAS, **JOHN MAXEY** had a rich and fruitful life. He and his loving wife, Dorethea were happily married for 25 years. Their love, commitment and devotion served as an example for others to aspire to. **MR. JOHN WILLIE MAXEY** has been a good servant and ensured that the values and traditions by which he lived, would exist in the hearts of those he cherished for years to come. His legacy will live on through the many lives he has touched. **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 to celebrate the life of **MR. JOHN WILLE MAXEY**. He will be greatly missed.

Brenda Jones

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Testimonial Resolution

In Memoriam

MR. WILLIE LEE ROSS

WHEREAS, We, the members of the **Detroit City Council**, solemnly pause today to honor the memory of the late **MR. WILLIE LEE ROSS**, a beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather and great-grandfather, uncle, cousin and friend to many, who made his heavenly transition on August 9, 2018; **and**

WHEREAS, **WILLIE LEE ROSS** was born on August 25, 1936, in Clayton, Alabama, to the late Annie Will Palmer and Riley "Sport" Ross. At a young age, **WILLIE** was baptized and accepted Christ. He attended Clayton Public Schools and would later earn his High School Equivalency Degree from the Detroit Public Schools system. During his teen years, **WILLIE** left Clayton and traveled to Tampa, Florida, where he met Mae Eva (Tina) Drew. They fell in love and were united in marriage on June 24, 1955. To this union, three children were born; **and**

WHEREAS, Shortly after their wedding, **WILLIE** and his young bride migrated North to Detroit, Michigan, to seek better employment opportunities. He soon found employment with General Motors (GM) at the Willow Run Assembly Plant in Ypsilanti, Michigan. **WILLIE** retired from GM after twenty years. In 1976, he opened his first business in Detroit, named R&H Party Needs at the corner of Schoolcraft and St. Mary's. **WILLIE** owned and operated two more party stores in the community. He also acquired multiple real estate properties and was a founding member of the Black Grocers Association. **WILLIE** loved being involved with the community and supported many community events. He employed many of the young people in the neighborhood, as well as their parents; **and**

WHEREAS, A man of strong faith, **WILLIE** was a dedicated, active member of his beloved church, New Bethel Baptist Church. He joined New Bethel upon his arrival in Detroit, under the leadership of the late Reverend C.L. Franklin. **WILLIE** served on various ministries, including the Usher Board, Male Choir, and the NBBC Church Choir. Under the leadership of Reverend Robert Smith Jr., **WILLIE** became a member of the Trustees Board, served as Treasurer of the Silver Saints and was a faithful member of the NBBC Sunday School Class "Joshua;" **and**

WHEREAS, **MR. WILLIE LEE ROSS** had a rich and fruitful life. He and his loving wife, Mae Eva, were married for sixty-three years. His love and kindness, demonstrated through his generosity will continue to resonate in the community. **WILLIE** was preceded in death by his parents, Riley and Ann Ross; and brothers, Johnny, Willie James and Walter. He is survived by his wife, Mae Eva Ross; children, Kenneth, Deborah (Steven), Cynthia, Duane, Le'Kia (Willie), Jermaine and Whitney; five grandchildren, Ronaee, Tempestt, Terrance, Andrea and Wyatt; four great-grandchildren, Jamal, Brian, Dasani and Kash; his sisters, Mattie, Dorothy, Rosie, Mary Katherine, Mary Ann, Annie, Ruby and Patricia; brothers, Riley, Robert, Harvey, Joseph, Eddie and Alfonzie; his in-laws; and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. **MR. WILLIE LEE ROSS** has been a good servant and ensured that the values and traditions by which he lived, would exist 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**, joins with family and friends in honoring the life and legacy of **MR. WILLE LEE ROSS**. He will be greatly missed and his contributions and the lessons he taught will live on forever.

Brenda Jones
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Testimonial Resolution

Revered Dr. Laura E. Foster

- WHEREAS,** Rev. Dr. Laura E. Foster is a native of Highland Park, Michigan and is the second oldest of six children born to Albert and Matilda Foster.
- WHEREAS,** Rev. Foster accepted the call to the Ministry in March of 1992 and became an ordained Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church in August of 1996. She currently serves on the Ministerial staff of Greater Quinn A.M.E. Church in Detroit, Michigan.
- WHEREAS,** Rev. Dr. Foster received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Central Michigan University and went on to earn both her Master's in Guidance and Counseling, and her Doctorate in Educational Administration from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan.
- WHEREAS,** Dr. Foster has been recognized by various organizations as she has toiled in the vineyard and has received numerous awards for her service to her community as a teacher, police officer, guidance counselor, Assistant Principal, federal program director, mentor, vocalist, and Minister. If you see a huge smile on her face, it is because she has retired after 40 years of service to "All of God's children!"
- WHEREAS,** Dr. Foster is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., as well as a member of Guiding Star Chapter #11, Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliation.
- WHEREAS,** Rev. Foster truly loves the Lord, and of all her accomplishments and blessings, she considers her BA the most important thing to remember about her, for truly being "BORN AGAIN" is the foundation for all of her life's achievements.
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the **Office of City Council President Pro Tem Mary Sheffield** and the **Detroit City Council**, on the 12th day of August, that this resolution endure as a permanent record of respect and admiration be presented to **Reverend Dr. Laura E. Foster** for her accomplishments and leadership within the community.

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Testimonial Resolution

Dr. Robert Thomas

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Thomas has a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Language Arts, a Master's Degree in Secondary Curriculum, a Specialist Degree in Secondary Administration, and a Doctorate Degree in Leadership and Curriculum.

WHEREAS, After substituting for a year, Dr. Robert Thomas was offered a contract to teach English at Butzel Junior High School for the 1968-1969 school year. During his tenure at Butzel, he taught during the summers and after-school programs.

WHEREAS, In 1972, the Detroit Board of Education changed junior high schools to middle schools and Dr. Thomas was transferred to Martin Luther King Junior High School. He taught many of the language arts classes, including English, journalism, and speech. The Board of Education established a Student Activities Coordinator position. Dr. Thomas was asked to become the coordinator at King High. His responsibilities included planning assemblies, guiding school organizations, approving field trips, and planning senior graduation.

WHEREAS, After 17 years at King, Thomas became the Assistant Principal at Northwestern High School. He was the administrator over the language arts and foreign language departments. He was also the administrator of the Student Information System where he spent two years directing.

WHEREAS, He was asked to become a "Turn Around Principal" at Jamieson Elementary/Middle School. When he went to Jamieson, the school was in the lower quarter of non-achieving schools. Before he left the school, Jamieson had advanced to the top quarter of achieving schools. Jamieson was often recognized by the District and the State for its outstanding achievement. It received several "Golden Apple Awards" for its exceptional achievements among Michigan schools. Jamieson was often recognized by New Detroit and the Comer School Development Program. Dr. Thomas attributes his and the school's success to outstanding teachers and other staff members.

WHEREAS, The highlight of his career was being a recipient of the *Patrick Daly Award* from Yale University. The award is presented to outstanding school leaders across the country. Dr. Thomas was among six recipients of the award in 2006. In addition to his work at the Detroit Public Schools, Dr. Thomas has taught at several colleges and universities. He was chair of the College of Education at the Detroit Campus of the University of Phoenix. He teaches doctoral courses and advises doctoral students at Phoenix. Dr. Thomas also teaches English at Wayne County Community District. He has taught at Central Michigan, Davenport University, and Argosy University.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Office of City Council President Pro Tem Mary Sheffield and the Detroit City Council, on the 11th day of August, that this resolution endure as a permanent record of respect and admiration be presented to Dr. Robert Thomas, for his support and dedication to students everywhere and to Detroit Public Schools.

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Rosalind Gratton

May 17, 1950 - July 14, 2018

- WHEREAS,** Rosalind Gratton, was born May 17, 1950 in Detroit, Michigan to the proud parents of Robert Sheard and Geraldine Bush, whom preceded her in death. Rosalind was the younger sister to Stanley R. Bush. Stanley & Rosalind's parents passed away at a young age, and they were reared by their grandmother, Ms. Katie Bush, who introduced Rosalind to Christ at a young age. Katie also preceded her in death.
- WHEREAS,** Rosalind found joy in becoming a mother to the blessings God gave her, a beautiful baby girl Sandwanda Bush-Jones and a bouncing baby boy Robert Bush, Sr. She later found love in a different form, when she met and married the love of her life, Douglas Gratton.
- WHEREAS,** Rosalind was educated in the Detroit Public School System. She tried her hand in many work fields from retail to mail carrying, until she found her calling in foster care, which was her true calling in life. Mrs. Gratton or "Mom" as she was affectionately known by many, loved and cared for young ladies that needed guidance, strength, love, and compassion until she retired.
- WHEREAS,** Rosalind joined the Rose of Sharon (COGIC) and was very active in heading the breakfast ministry. Rosalind was happily married but she often found time to support and encourage the singles ministry filled with young women. Mrs. Gratton later became a member of the Mother's Board. It was at the Rose of Sharon where she was so proud of her son being an Elder and enjoyed hearing him preach. She often told him when he became a Pastor she was going to be his church mother.
- WHEREAS,** Rosalind had a full life, filled with family and friends that will truly miss and remember her smile, sense of humor, love, and wisdom. She leaves to cherish her life, her loving husband Douglas Gratton; her two children; Sandwanda "San" (Tyrone) and Robert "Bobby" Bush, Sr.; her brother, Stanley (Wanda) Bush; seven grandchildren; Savoy, LaTasha, Tylisa, LaSandra, Cydney, Robert II, and Raymond, four great-grandchildren; Morgan, Greysin, Oryn, and Quincy. Along with a host of adopted children, nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends that will cherish her memories forever.
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the **Office of City Council President Pro Tempore Mary Sheffield** and the **Detroit City Council** hereby celebrates the rich life of **Rosalind Gratton** for her constant love and support of those she loved immensely.
- RESOLVED,** On this 21st day of July that this resolution endure as a permanent record of respect and admiration, and that a suitably-enrolled copy be presented to the family of **Rosalind Gratton**



Stella Louise Harrell

April 18, 1949 – June 7, 2018

WHEREAS, Stella Louise Harrell was born on April 18, 1949 in Detroit, Michigan to Jimmie and Bessie Gordon. Stella passed away on June 7, 2018 in Detroit, Michigan.

WHEREAS, Stella, coming from a large family, was born second to nine children, three of which she will be reuniting with, Bettie Jean, Jimmie Jr., and Ronnie, alongside her parents and grandson, Edward.

WHEREAS, Stella, often known as Bea, was a member of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church and worked at the Henry Ford Health Systems with many years of dedicated service.

WHEREAS, Stella's love and appreciation for her own large family, bore her own with her four children, Cecil, Tameka, Sereta, and Damon.

WHEREAS, Stella's life was filled with love and joy from her children, then later her grandchildren, Errick, Chakeria, DeAndre, Joe, Taylor, Darius, Jalia, and Faith, who loved and adored her affection and spirit. She also had the joy of welcoming her great-grandson, Carson, into the world to bring more joyfulness into her heart.

WHEREAS, Stella's presence and bright spirit will be truly missed by her brothers, Anthony, Dannie, and Donald, her very close friends, Robert, Jeanne, Gloria, and Regina, and her extended family.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the **Office of City Council President Pro Tempore Mary Sheffield** and the **Detroit City Council** hereby celebrates the rich life and legacy of **Stella Louise Harrell**, a true example love and honor in our city.

RESOLVED, On this 15th day of June that this resolution endure as a permanent record of respect and admiration, and that a suitably-enrolled copy be presented to the family of Stella Louise Harrell.

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Randall Robinson, Esq.

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WHEREAS, **Randall Robinson** was born on July 6, 1941 in Richmond, Virginia. He attended Norfolk State College, graduated from Virginia Union University, and earned his law degree from Harvard Law School.

WHEREAS, **Randall Robinson** worked as a civil rights attorney and throughout government offices from 1971 to 1976. In 1977, Randall Robinson went on to establish TansAfrica, an organization that used its platform to promote enlightened and progressive U.S. policies towards Africa and the Caribbean. Robinson was President of TransAfrica until 2001.

WHEREAS, **Randall Robinson's** dedication to activism and justice for African and African American people was the foremost and prime objective of his advocacy. Throughout his activist career, Randall has testified before Congress on their policies regarding Africa and the Caribbean, he was one of the leading and foremost voices for Nelson Mandela's release that lead a nationwide campaign to end apartheid in South Africa called the Free South Africa Movement. In 1994, Robinson staged a 27-day hunger strike to end military rule in Haiti to return political power back to the Haitian government.

WHEREAS, **Randall Robinson's** passion for the African and African American community has led him to put pen to paper and explain his ideals about history and progression within the Black community and the United States. Some of his great reads are *Defending the Spirit*, *The Debt – What America Owes to Blacks*, *The Reckoning – What Blacks Owe to Each Other*, *Quitting America – The Departure of a Black Man from his Native Land*, and *MAKEDA*.

WHEREAS, **Randall Robinson** has been honored on numerous occasions for his leadership and activism. He has been issued 19 honorary Ph.D.'s for is social justice advocacy. He has also been honored and recognized by the United Nations, the congressional Black Caucus, Harvard University, Essence, ABC News, Ebony, the NAACP, The Martin Luther King Center for Non-Violent Change, along with many more. He was also granted the highest honor from the South African Government that can be award to a non-South African citizen. Mr. Robinson has appeared on many news shows to address his views and policy recommendations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the **Office of City Council President Pro Tem Mary Sheffield** and the **Detroit City Council** salutes and commends **Randall Robinson** for his commitment to activism, advocacy and justice for all people as we celebrate **the Centennial Celebration of Nelson Mandela**.

RESOLVED, On this 18th day of July, that this resolution endure as a permanent record of respect and admiration is presented to **Randall Robinson in honor of the Centennial Celebration of Nelson Mandela**.