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**TESTIMONIAL
RESOLUTIONS
AND SPECIAL
PRIVILEGE**

Testimonial Resolution

BETTY ANN DURHAM

November 13, 1949 – September 10, 2018
In Memoriam

WHEREAS

Betty Ann Durham was born November 13, 1949 in Detroit, Michigan to the union of Vandice and Gertrude Durham. She was the first of her siblings. She received her education from the Detroit Public School System, graduating from Kettering High School; and

WHEREAS

Betty Ann Durham was a dedicated employee of the Better Made Potato Chip Company. After over thirty years of service she retired in 2011. Upon retirement she spent her days living life to the fullest. She was a member of All-Time Hustlers, Cornerstone PTO, Senior in-motion, and the Detroit Senior Task Force. All that knew her would agree she was colorful, delightful and fun to be around. She was truly the life of the party; and

WHEREAS

Betty Ann Durham was a devoted mother of four beautiful daughters. She was a dedicated grandmother and great-grandmother. She enjoyed dancing, shopping, a good meal and most of all spending time with her family and friends. She was a faithful member of Second Ebenezer Church where she served on the First Impressions Auxiliary. Committed to her community, you could find her volunteering for events around the city that serviced those less fortunate; and

WHEREAS

It being the will of our Lord to call our beloved home after a long life of service, Betty Ann Durham transitioned from this life, from labor to reward on September 10, 2018; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

RESOLVED

That the Office of Councilman Scott Benson and Detroit City Council expresses their deepest condolences and share their sympathy in the loss of your loved one, Betty Ann Durham. Your loss is heaven's gain. May God bless you and comfort you during this time and always.

Handwritten signatures of Council President Brenda Jones and Council Members Mary Sheffield, Janice L. Ayers, Scott Benson, Raquel Castañeda-Jópez, Jabe Johnson, and Geneva Fido.

September 15, 2018

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Testimonial Resolution

ARTHUR JODEAN SPARLING

March 27, 1924 – September 5, 2018
In Memoriam

WHEREAS

Arthur Jodean Sparling was born March 27, 1924 in Raiston, Oklahoma to the union of Wendell Arthur Sparling and Erma Clarice Keaton. He was the eldest of four children. He graduated from Ceres High School in 1942. He continued his education earning a Bachelor of Science from Berkeley in Mechanical Engineering in 1952; **and**

WHEREAS

Arthur Jodean Sparling was a devoted father and husband. He married Marjorie Irene Vaughn in 1944. This union was blessed with one child, Jeffrey Penn Sparling. Later in life he met and married Sandra Scott Benson. This couple remained united for 35 years; **and**

WHEREAS

Arthur Jodean Sparling began his career as an engineer at Teledyne Relays in El Segundo. There he was promoted to Vice President of Automation after leading a team that brought the company into the automation era. During his employment with Teledyne he developed many patents for relay design improvements. He retired in 1990. In 2000 he became a fulltime consultant for Teledyne Solid State for a year; **and**

WHEREAS

Arthur Jodean Sparling was an active member of his community. He was a founding member of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), contributing supporter of The Mar Vista Family Center and the Vipassna Meditation Center. Along with his wife, they were co-block captains for their street, Goldenwood Drive. He was also a Christian man and faithful attendee of Knox Presbyterian Church. He had a passion for meditation, spiritual growth, nutrition, biking, table tennis and sleeping; **and**

WHEREAS

It being the will of our Lord to call our beloved home after a long life of service, Arthur Jodean Sparling transitioned from this life, from labor to reward on September 5, 2018; **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**

RESOLVED

That the Office of Councilman Scott Benson and Detroit City Council expresses their deepest condolences and share the sympathy in the loss of your loved one, **Arthur Jodean Sparling**. Your loss is heaven's gain. May God bless you and comfort you during this time and always.

Brian Gomer
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mary Sheffield
COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM

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COUNCIL MEMBER

James D. Axon
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Scott Benson
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Andre J. Spivey
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Raquel Castañeda-López
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September 22, 2018

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RESOLUTION

In Memoriam

E. Napoleon (Edward) Burton

April 3, 1924 - August 5, 2018

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WHEREAS Mr. E. Napoleon (Edward) Burton, was born in Sawyerville, Alabama to Queen Mary and Charles Burton. He attended Dunbar High School in Bessemer, Alabama, where he graduated as senior class president in 1943. He was drafted into the United States Army during WWII, and afterwards pursued a BA in chemistry at University of Iowa, and

WHEREAS Mr. E. Napoleon (Edward) Burton, It is at Michigan state Normal College(Eastern Michigan University), where he met his future wife Helen Virginia Dudley, they married and resided in the City of Detroit in 1955, E. Napoleon (Edward) Burton worked for the City of Detroit Waste Water Department where he became Senior water system chemist, upon retirement in 1984 he received a citation from Mayor Coleman A. Young for his dedication and years of service to the city, and

WHEREAS Mr. E. Napoleon (Edward) Burton, enjoyed being of service to the Catholic Church. He was a member of IHM and later St. Scholastica Parish in Detroit. He became one of the first lay lecturers at S.S. Andrew and Benedict Parish where he lead the local society of The Legion of Mary, and cosponsored a vacation bible school. Mr. Burton became an instructor for the Gabriel Richard leadership course and was once invited by the Archbishop to teach Catholics in British Honduras (Belize). He volunteered as retreat captain for many years and served on the Board of Governors at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center. Mr. Burton was president of his neighborhood 7-8 Schaeffer Lodge Association, lending his talents to designing the signs that once stood proudly at entrances to the community, and

WHEREAS Mr. E. Napoleon (Edward) Burton besides his work and volunteerism, E Napoleon indulged in several hobbies. He was an enthusiastic, Photographer, enjoyed gardening around the house, and occasionally dabbled in fishing. An avid reader, he embraced a lifetime of self-education and continued attending classes at WC3 well into his seventies. Mr. Burton's love of classical music lead to ushering at a variety of music venues in the City of Detroit. His most famous pastime however, was spent traveling around the world. By age 65, Mr. E. Napoleon had managed to visit all seven continents. In his late eighties he laid claim to having reached both ends of the Pan American Highway, which extends from Fairbanks, Alaska to Ushuaia, Argentina, and

WHEREAS Mr. E. Napoleon (Edward) Burton was a proud patriarch of the Charles McGruder-Burton-Gibbs families. He is survived by his wife Helen Burton of 63 years; his daughter, Ann Y Burton MD; five sisters, Lucille Osborne, Ernestine Graham, Geneva Wesley, Shirley Garrison, and Marie Diggs; one brother , Jack Bernard Gibbs and a host of relatives and friends; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED On behalf of myself, Council Member Roy McCalister, Jr, and the entire Detroit City Council we give Mr. E. Napoleon (Edward) Burton this blessing, as he returns to the Father. May the Lord bless you. May the Lord, our God now embrace you and hold you in his love forever. Amen.

Brenda Jones
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mary Sheffield
COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM

Dan Gable
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James A. ...
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September 30, 2018
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Testimonial Resolution

Pastor, Apostle Reginald J. Edwards
"30th Pastoral and Church Anniversary"

WHEREAS: Apostle Reginald J. Edwards is a native of Detroit. He is the second of three children born to Mr. and Mrs. James Edwards. He has A brother, Bishop Roderick A. Edwards, Sr. and a young sister Mrs. Jogenia Davis. Apostle has one son, Gerald: three grandchildren, Samantha, Frederick and Gerald, Jr. He is the godfather of several, as well as counselor, instructor and comrade to many, AND

WHEREAS: Apostle Reginald J. Edwards, as a young man, Apostle longed for the move of God and united with Lighthouse Cathedral in the early 1960's under leadership of the late Pastor Allie Taylor. The bidding of God was upon this young man's lift to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ during his tenure at Lighthouse Cathedral. While at Lighthouse, he was a part of several crusade teams going to as far away as Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Los Angeles, California, Harlem and Brooklyn, New York, just to name a few. He also served in with the late Evangelist Allen and his crusade team. Being a man after God's own heart, just as David was; Apostle Edwards is a man of Prayer, faith and deliverance, AND

WHEREAS: Apostle Reginald J. Edwards, Moving on in his walk with the Lord Jesus Christ; who is God Almighty! Apostle joined the body of believers at Greater Grace Temple, under the leadership of the late Bishop David L. Ellis; serving within the Ministerial Staff, Music Ministry and Jail Ministry, AND

WHEREAS: Apostle Reginald J. Edwards, with the call of God on his life Apostle Edwards assisted in the birthing of Power House Temple. Apostle and Mount Zion Temple where Bishop Roderick A. Edwards, is the Senior Pastor. Apostle served in this ministry until God unfolded yet another assignment for his life. In October of 1988, taking heed to the high calling of God, Apostle Edwards birthed Mount Zion Temple, Apostle and Mount Zion Temple have been commissioned by God to selflessly and tiringly labor for the cause of the oppressed, hopeless and down trodden in the heart of Detroit, Michigan. They are determined to reach the lost at any cost, AND

WHEREAS: Apostle Reginald J. Edwards, and Mount Zion Temple feed and clothe thousands of hopeless people. Caring for and helping the less fortunate is a vital part of the Ministry. Apostle Edwards has received several awards from the City of Detroit and other organization for his dedicated and untiringly outreach to the community, perhaps this is why he is called "The Apostle to the Cass Corridor," AND

WHEREAS: In addition to serving as Senior Pastor of Mount Zion Temple, Apostle Reggie is a graduate of Bethesda School of Ministry, contributes Pastoral Care for Hospice of South Eastern Michigan and he is affiliated with Literacy Volunteers of America. Apostle is on the Board of Directors for the World Wide Deeper Life Ministries and is an associate of the Universal Church Of Christ in Newark, New Jersey, where Bishop Robert C. Jiggetts Jr. is the Presiding Prelate. Apostle Reggie is a member of Churches Intervention Ministry under the direction of Evangelist Veronica Lake. In 2012, Apostle received the Humanitarian Award from the Historical Apostle World Wide Fellowship, AND

WHEREAS: Apostle Reginald J. Edwards is on the staff of Visiting Clergy at Detroit Medical Center, and also is on the staff at Ellis Memorial Funeral Home, AND

WHEREAS: Apostle Reggie is an excellent cook and professional caterer; he also loves to fish. Apostle Edwards is committed to preaching and teaching the unadulterated Word of the Living God. His conviction that "Holiness Is Right" is the driving factor of his life and ministry. Knowing that if you call on Jesus, He will answer prayer; He will deliver you from sin and He will set the captive free! Apostle Reginald J. Edwards has been called to the Kingdom For Such A Time As This! NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE

RESOLVED: That Council Member Roy McCalister Jr., and the entire Detroit City Council, joins with the Mount Zion Temple, House of Praise and Deliverance Congregation, in celebrating the 30th Anniversary of Apostle Reginald J. Edwards, as Pastor. May God continue to bless you with many more dedicated years of service.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 says: "And now, friends, we ask you to honor those leaders, who work so hard for you, who have been given the responsibility of urging and guiding you along in your obedience. Overwhelm them with appreciation and love"

Signatures of Council members: Brenda Jones (Council President), Mary Steffind (Council President Pro Tem), Jane D. Ayers, Scott B., Raquel Castañeda-López, Duke Dehd, and Andre J. Spring.

October 14, 2018
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Testimonial Resolution

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Reverend David L. Lewis, Pastor
"10th Year Pastoral Anniversary"

WHEREAS: Reverend David L. Lewis was elected Pastor of St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church August 17, 2008. Pastor Lewis served as Minister of Music, taught Sunday school and preached the early morning service; AND

WHEREAS: Reverend David L. Lewis extended his musical expertise as Vocal Musical Accompanist at Southeastern High School of Technology. His passion of music began at an early age. He would rise early in the morning to practice and would devote five to six hours practicing each day. He majored in Music Theory at Oakland University. His fingers moved with such accuracy and speed his fellow students dubbed him "lightening" His musical talents and abilities afforded him opportunities to play with both secular and gospel artists; AND

WHEREAS: Reverend David L. Lewis, fought for a deeper relationship with God, and in God's awesome power, He saw in this vessel a spirit of willingness, dedication, humility and wisdom, God ordered Pastor Lewis ' steps, and placed upon human anointing of pastoring: where now a prophecy that was spoken over him as a child , is now being fulfilled; AND

WHEREAS: Reverend David L. Lewis and First Lady Vickie Lewis stepped up financially ten years ago, just as the doors of the Church were about to close. Pastor David Lewis has not taken a salary from the church in those his ten years of service; AND

WHEREAS: Reverend David L. Lewis, has started over twelve programs while Pastoring St. Matthew, "Angel Tree", "Meet and Eat Summer Program", "Gleaners Program", "Soup Kitchen", Distribution of Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets to over 50 families, "Walk up Prayer Stations" on the Ave. of Fashion, Mentoring youth by teaching them how to play instruments as well as read music, Creation of "Concert on the Lawn" where people can come and hear the Word, A Community Choir, an annual Youth Day, and each Saturday, at 8am, Pastor Lewis is on the radio at 1440 AM , with his program "Hallelujah"; NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE

RESOLVED: That Council Member Roy McCalister Jr., and the entire Detroit City Council, joins with the congregation of St Matthews Missionary Baptist Church in celebrating the 10th Pastoral Anniversary of Reverend David L. Lewis, May God continue to bless you with many more dedicated years of service.

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Handwritten signatures of Council members: Brenda Jones (Council President), Mary Sheffield (Council President Pro Tem), Gami (Council Member), Sarah (Council Member), Raquel Castañeda-López (Council Member), and others.

October 28, 2018

DATE

RESOLUTION

In Memoriam

Mr. Alexander Thomas

November 25, 1922- September 13, 2018

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WHEREAS The amazing life of Mr. Alexander Thomas began on November 25, 1922, in Selma Alabama. He was the only child of Alex Thomas and Beulah Howard Thomas Jenkins. He was the cherished grandchild of both sets of grandparents. They would fight over whose turn it was to keep him. He and his parents soon relocated to New York. As a child he spent several years living with his paternal Aunt, Wilma Thomas. She dressed him in adorable little outfits which made him the envy and target of other children. He later moved to Detroit to live with his Aunt and Uncle, William and Celia Harrison. Who raised him along with their two children, Ouida and William Jr. Alexander Thomas was known in the neighborhood for being a creative storyteller. Children would assemble on the front steps to hear his stories, and

WHEREAS Mr. Alexander Thomas attended the Detroit Public Schools. He ran track at Miller High School and was the proud recipient of many medals. Mr. Alexander Thomas, found Christ at an early age, he and the family attended St. Paul A.M.E. in Detroit. He was a member of the Prince Hall Masons of MI, Acacia #39 and was a past Worshipful Master and member of Renaissance Lions Club, and

WHEREAS Mr. Alexander Thomas attended Tuskegee Institute (University) in Alabama. Where his education was interrupted by World War II. He was drafted into the Army and deployed to Burma (now called Myanmar), where he laid airplane strips. He achieved the rank of corporal and was honorably discharged. Upon returning from the army, he noticed an attractive young lady walking down Street, after many attempts, he learned her name, Susie Gordon. He married Susie Gordon on May 24, 1947, having a daughter, Diane Patricia, and

WHEREAS Mr. Alexander Thomas, worked hard and was a determined provider. He often work three jobs and a janitorial company to make ends meet. He went to trade school at night to earn a First Class Stationary Engineers License. He worked for the Detroit Board of Education as an engineer for over 30 years, retiring in 1986 from the Guest School, and

WHEREAS Mr. Alexander Thomas, and Susie traveled all over the United States, sometimes in a camper trailer. They went on many trips including cruises, some with a Square Dance Club which they were members. Foreign countries like Mexico and Japan were often their destination, until, Susie's passing on September 14, 1994, and

WHEREAS Mr. Alexander Thomas, was known as a "Jack of All Trades". He Single handedly refinished the basement in his house. He could fix almost anything. Being a true perfectionist, everything had to be done perfectly. Friends would seek his advice on projects which he happily gave. His lifelong dream of going to Africa was realized in the late 90's. He visited Ghana and Senegal with Hartford Memorial Church. In 2005, he took his daughter and two granddaughter to China on a Lion's Club Convention trip, and

WHEREAS Mr. Alexander Thomas', favorite hobbies included hunting and fishing. His proudest possessions were the mounted deer head with antlers and a sailfish he caught in Mexico. He won several fishing contest, His Nickname was "Mr. Bass". He became a video actor in the 1990's, portraying the slave pioneer, Josiah Henson. The video/dvd was titled, "Father Henson, His Spirit Lives On". Mr. Alexander Thomas was talented, kind, generous to a fault and genuine in thought and action. His world revolved around his family, and

WHEREAS Mr. Alexander Thomas, Leaves to cherish his memory : his daughter, Diane Patricia Walker(Glenn); granddaughters Mishara Susan Walker and Maber Alex Davis,(Brandon); grandchildren Brandon, Kennedi and Jaidyn Davis; special friend and companion Janet Tinsley; lifelong friends Lavoid and Alice Johnson; loving cousins, William Harrison, Jr,(Shirley); Felice Welsh, Thelma Jenkins, Leslie Clapp Ezie and Karla Clapp Holloway, (Russell, Katrina Williams , (Larry) Mario Harrison; close friends Clarice Tinsley Giles, (Stephen) and Alicia Tinsley Petross (Lance). Also, many other relatives, friends, and neighbors. Mr. Alexander Thomas was a legend in his own time! Amazing; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED On behalf of myself, Council Member Roy McCalister, Jr, and the entire Detroit City Council we give Mr. Alexander Thomas this blessing, as he returns to the Father. May the Lord bless you. May the Lord, God now embrace you and hold you in his love forever. Amen.

Brenda Jones
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mary Sheppard
COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM

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September 21, 2018

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