

October 30, 2018
Formal Agenda

**TESTIMONIAL
RESOLUTIONS
AND SPECIAL
PRIVILEGE**

Testimonial Resolution

Mary Longmire-Butler

WHEREAS, Mary Longmire-Butler was born October 24, 1920, in Escambia County, Florida. Mary was the second of the seven children of Reverend James and Lillie Longmire. As one of the oldest children, Mary was responsible for taking care of the younger group. According to her younger sister, not only was Mary a stand out academically, Mary was always recognized in various churches for her beautiful singing voice.

WHEREAS, Mary Longmire married her teenage sweetheart, Joseph Alexander Butler on September 26, 1938 and had 13 children together. The family was always important to Mary and Joseph. After working long and hard days and nights, they would still spend time with their children, be it allowing the children to go to work with them, along with summer picnics at Kensington Park, and winter picnics at Belle Isle. Growing up the children always had access to books; including the Bible and World Book and Childcraft encyclopedias, etc. Mary and Joseph assured that their children always had the best education.

WHEREAS, After her youngest child started school, Mrs. Mary Butler enrolled in the Shapiro School of Nursing. As the only African American student in her class, it was not expected for her to finish. Despite the hardships that presented themselves, not only did Mary Butler finish, she finished at the top of her class in 1968, receiving recognition from Congressman Charles C. Diggs, Jr., who was the first African American elected to Congress from Michigan. The Michigan Chronicle newspaper featured an article on Mary Butler's accomplishments and the support provided by her husband Joseph. In addition, Sylvia Wayne who was one of the first featured African American television reporters came to the house to interview Mrs. Butler. The interviews were arranged by her son, Robert Butler, who was one of the first Black Fireman in Detroit.

WHEREAS, In order to further her knowledge of art, while in her sixties, Mary enrolled in the Wayne County Community College. She took classes in ceramics, drawing, painting, English and math. Unfortunately, Mary's husband died at the age of 65. Even though this was a difficult period in her life, Mary resumed her school work. Always one to strive to be the best, in spite of how difficult things were at home, Mary proceeded to graduated Magna Cum Laude.

WHEREAS, Mary Longmire Butler continued her artwork and gardening until she suffered a major stroke in 2008. Mary was not expected to live, therefore Mary was not given the level of support by the medical teams. This stroke left Mary unable walk and also impacted her speech. However, in the later years, Mary always the fighter, constantly received kudos from her physical and occupational therapists. Today, Mary is loving-caring person to her family and her friends. Although she is in a wheelchair, children come to her Mary and immediately feel safe. Mary Butler serves as an inspiration to all.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Office of City Council President Pro Tempore Mary Sheffield and the Detroit City Council hereby on this 24th day of October that this resolution endure as a permanent record of respect and admiration for Miss Mary Longmire-Butler.

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Handwritten signatures of Council members: Brenda Jones (Council President), Mary Sheffield (Council President Pro Temp), Gayle D. Green, Scott B... (Council Member), Raquel Castañeda-López (Council Member), Dabe Le... (Council Member), and Heidi J. Spring (Council Member).

October 24, 2018

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RESOLUTION

In Memoriam

Dolores White

September 11, 1929 – October 20, 2018

WHEREAS, Dolores White was born September 11, 1929 in Charleston, West Virginia. She was affectionately known as “Lady Day”. She was the only child born to the late Louvinia Jones who preceded her in death, along with three of her children, Janice Merchant, Hubert Collins Jr. and Bruce Collins, Sr.

WHEREAS, She completed her education in Detroit, Michigan. She loved entertaining her family and friends during the summer months at her cabin in Shrewsbury, Canada. Dolores worked for The State of Michigan Unemployment Office and The Department of Correction until she retired in 1997.




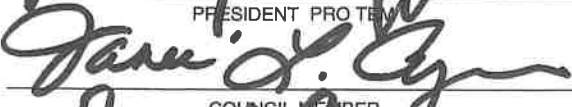


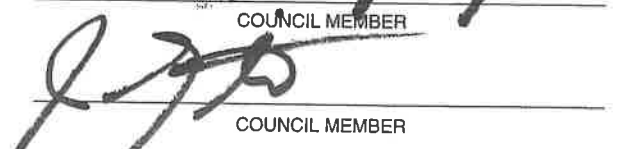

WHEREAS, She attended Bethesda Church. She enjoyed reading the bible. Her favorite scripture was 1 Corinthians 13:13. “And now these three remain, Faith, Hope and Love. But the greatest of these is Love.”

WHEREAS, Dolores was known for many sayings that her family referred to as ‘Grannism’. Some favorites and most memorable include: “Blessed by the Best and waiting on the Rest”, “Every shut eye ain’t sleep and every Good-Bye ain’t gone”, “I might give out, but I won’t give up”, and “I Love you more than you’ll ever know and don’t you EVER forget it”

WHEREAS, Dolores departed this life on Saturday October 20, 2018, leaving to cherish her loving memory are her children: Alvin Collins (Erma) of Woodbury, New Jersey, Karen Lee (Worrell) of Belleville, Michigan, Terry Collins Sr. (Barbara) of Woodbury, New Jersey, Michael White (Frances) of MT. Pleasant, Michigan, Kim White and Kevin White of Detroit, Michigan, and a daughter-in-law Anita Collins; 20 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren, 5 great-great grandchildren and a host of family and friends.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the **Office of City Council President Pro Tempore Mary Sheffield** and the **Detroit City Council** hereby on this 24th day of October that this resolution endure as a permanent record of respect and admiration, and that a suitably-enrolled copy be presented to the family of Dolores White.

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