Formal agenda October 2. 2018

TESTIMONIAL RESOLUTIONS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGE

RESOLUTION

In Memoriam



Mrs. Joann Jackson

March 8, 1944 - September 19, 2018

WHEREAS Mrs. Joann Jackson, was a Detroit native. She was a wife for forty-nine years, a mother of five, grandmother of twelve and a great-grandmother of seven.

WHEREAS Mrs. Joann Jackson has been in politics for over forty-five years and has campaigned for some of the greatest warriors of the City of Detroit, as well as for crucial issues concerning the City and its Citizens. In 2008, she was also a part of the campaign "Get Out to Vote" to help elect President, Barack Obama, and

WHEREAS Mrs. Joann Jackson, had been a committed advocate in her community, serving on various boards such as: the Michigan Democratic Party, Detroit Neighborhood Housing, 12th Precinct Coalition, National Action Network, 12th Precinct Community Relations, Martin Park/Pilgrim Village Neighborhood Improvement, 12th Precinct STEPPERS, and Friends of Belle Isle Aquarium. Mrs. Joann Jackson also served as Precinct Delegate for the 14th District, Vice President of the M.P.L.C.C. and President of the Martin Park District Association, of which she served two terms, and

WHEREAS Mrs. Joann Jackson, had a love for the City of Detroit and a heart for the people who reside in it. She has spent most of her life trying to make sure each person's voice was heard, and NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED On behalf of myself, **Council Member Roy McCalister**, **Jr**, and the entire Detroit City Council we give **Mrs. Joann Jackson** this blessing, as she 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.

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Shirley Ann Belchunas

August 9, 1948 - September 23, 2018

WHEREAS

Shirley Ann Belchunas was a beloved member of the Southwest Detroit Community. She made her transition from labor to reward on September 23, 2018; *and*

WHEREAS

Shirley was the Human Resource Manager for Alternative for Girls until her retirement in 2015. She was also a board member and secretary for Detroit's Matrix Theater Company. In 2015, she was recommended and appointed to the City of Detroit Board of Review by Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López. Shirley served in this position until December 2017; and

WHEREAS

The impact of love and kindness Shirley leaves behind is one that will not be forgotten. She enjoyed cooking, bird watching, gardening, reading and traveling wherever the road would take her. She loved spending time with family and friends alike. Her door was always open and she was always ready to barbeque and cook; and

WHEREAS

Shirley shared all she had, opened her door and heart to anyone in need, and always had room for just one more. Many have spent time traveling with her and none left disappointed. She will be missed, but the love she shared with family and friends will last through eternity; *and*

WHEREAS

Shirley leaves to cherish her memory, her children, Marion Agius, Theresa (Johnny) Agius-Cowden and Joseph (Stacey) Agius; grandchildren, Sydney Aguis and Alex Aguis; and sibling, Charles (the late Judy) Belchunas, Kenneth (Sue) Belchunas and Edward (Annalise) Belchunas. She is also survived by her beloved dog Maggie, many nieces and nephews, her Gonzalez family and many close and loving friends. **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED

Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López and the entire Detroit City Council extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of the late Shirley Ann Belchunas. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you cherish her memory and celebrate her life.

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Tim Kethman

March 5, 1959 – September 6, 2018

Tim Kethman's contributions to the City of Detroit is evident in the legacy of community service in his beloved Woodbridge community; and

WHEREAS

The community activist and humanitarian was an active member of the Woodbridge Community. He was a member of the Leadership Council of the Woodbridge Citizen's Council; member of the Woodbridge Safety Patrol; Chair, Woodbridge Parks Committee; and, a proud member of the Fourth Street Community; and

WHEREAS

Tim was an animal rights activist. He advocated for the humane treatment of animals within the Detroit Animal Control Operations and was a foster parent for the Midwest Boston Terrier Rescue: and

WHEREAS

His community spirit lead to receiving a Spirit of Detroit Award in 2017. He continued this spirit with his work on the revitalization of Scripps Park and the Rose Dog Park, named in honor of fallen Wayne State Police K9 Officer Collin Rose. Tim and the Woodbridge Parks Committee launched a fundraising effort to place a medallion and plaque in the park. Tim was there to see the park officially dedicated on May 26, 2018; and

WHEREAS

Tim was the son of Eugene Kethman and Stella Nail. He was a good neighbor and community leader who helped with street fairs and volunteered for Motor City Makeover. He was an ardent lover of Facebook who contributed to many lively discussions. His voice may be silent but his spirit speaks to all who love the Woodbridge Community and City of Detroit, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED

Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López and the entire Detroit City Council extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of the late Tim Kethman and the Woodbridge community. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you cherish his memory and continue to build his legacy.

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