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**TESTIMONIAL
RESOLUTIONS
AND SPECIAL
PRIVILEGE**

Testimonial Resolution

Reverend 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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Handwritten signatures of Council members: Mary Sheffield (Council President Pro Tem), Brent Jones (Council President), Duke O'Neil, Scott Brown, Raquel Castañeda-López, and others.










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Testimonial Resolution

Pastor Karl L. Reid

- WHEREAS,** On Sunday, December 14, 2008 St. James Missionary Baptist Church called Evangelist Karl L. Reid to service as Overseer. In 2009, Evangelist Karl L. Reid accepted the call to Pastor at St. James M.B.C.
- WHEREAS,** Pastor Reid was very instrumental in helping St. James celebrate 100 years of Ministry in October of 2017 at the Athena Banquet Center located in Roseville, Michigan.
- WHEREAS,** Pastor Reid is a gospel recording artist with the group Commissioned of Detroit, Michigan. He is one of the original members of the group and has traveled for over twenty years nationally and internationally spreading the good news of the Gospel in both spoken word and music. Since forming in 1982, the men of Commissioned have recorded 11 albums, received many Dove Awards as well as others, and have been nominated for a number of Grammy's. Pastor Reid's voice is the tenors lead on the ever-popular hit "Secret Place", which he wrote.
- WHEREAS,** Pastor Reid is celebrating 30 years of marriage with his wife, Minister Toi and has two adult sons who both love and serve God.
- WHEREAS,** Pastor Karl Reid graduated from the Bible Training Center at Word of Faith International Christian Center, with honors, where he was also licensed and ordained by Bishop Keith A. Butler. He also received his Doctorate degree in Theology. He serves faithfully as Pastor of St. James Missionary Baptist of Detroit, and faithfully as Assistant Pastor at The River Church in Livonia, Michigan.
- WHEREAS,** Pastor Karl Reid is celebrating 40 years of Ministry and 10 years as Pastor of St. James Missionary Baptist Church. There is no question that God has placed his anointing on the life Minister Karl Reid. There are many testimonies of miracles and deliverances through his ministry. Marriages have been restored, couples who were unable to have children received them, and cancers and all manner of sicknesses have been healed. The gifts of the Spirit are in manifestation and God does honor Minister Reid with the move of the Spirit!
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Office of City Council President Pro Tem Mary Sheffield and the Detroit City Council, on the 8th day of December, that this resolution endure as a permanent record commemoration and recognition to **Pastor Karl L. Reid** for 40 years of ministry and 10 years as Pastor of St. James Missionary Baptist Church.

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RESOLUTION

In Memoriam

Mr. George Jerone Stevens

November 3, 1928 - September 26, 2018

WHEREAS Mr. George Jerone Stevens, was born on November 3, 1928, in Rome, Georgia to Joe and Lucile (Wise) Stephens, the fifth of six children. He came to Detroit at an early age. He left and served in the U.S. Military during the Korean War. After leaving the Armed Services Mr. George Jerone Stevens, returned back to live and work in Detroit, Michigan. It was in Detroit that he met his beautiful bride and wife of 56 years, Mrs. Minnie Brandon, and

WHEREAS In 1960, Mr. George Jerone Stevens, began work as the first and only African-American employee at G-E-M contractors as a laborer. Mr. George Jerone Stevens found himself less than content with being just a laborer. So he began to teach himself all that he could by looking over the shoulder of his then boss and company owner Vern Hooper. During this time George Jerone Stevens managed to secure the knowledge of both installing and calibrating dynamometer machinery, which he did for the once big three as well as American Motors over the years while he worked at G.E.M. George gained the respect and a lifelong friendship of Vern Hooper who admired and respected what George Jerone Stevens had accomplished and made him the first African-American Supervisor at his company. George used his position to open doors for other African-Americans, enabling them to make wages that weren't traditionally paid to African-Americans during this era, and

WHEREAS Mr. George Jerone Stevens still not satisfied with being just an employee he decided to go into business for himself with the help of his wife and lifetime partner, they along with a family member opened a chicken restaurant. This venture lead to Mr. George Jerone Stevens and his wife opening their second business, The Dairy King Ice Cream parlor. Mr. George Jerone Stevens soon realized that success of this business had outgrown the walls that it was within. This pushed George to teach himself yet another trade. So George took a heating and cooling class which he used to create his master piece. He engineered an ice cream truck using a diesel fuel generator to supply power to all the AC power machinery needed to run his dairy queen on wheels. This served as a prototype for the mobile food industry. The business gained him and his wife fame throughout the west side of Detroit as the Good Mr. Softee Ice Cream truck, and

WHEREAS Mr. George Jerone Stevens and his wife Minnie still not satisfied, decided to invest into real-estate where they provided affordable clean housing for many families over the years. All this was done during George Jerone Stevens thirty-five year career at G.E.M. Upon on retiring, George Jerone Stevens started his final successful business, M. Stevens & Son, that he named after his wife whom he deemed the CEO. Here he went on to use the trade that he had acquired at G.E.M. to work for Roush Industries EPA, Ricardo Industries, Bosal and GFI. While doing this George Jerone Stevens employed several young men teaching them more than just a trade. Believing that he could take this as an opportunity to teach them self-respect, self-worth and self-confidence. These were the skills he believed would help make them leaders amongst men; and

WHEREAS George Jerone Stevens is survived by his loving wife, Minnie Stevens; daughters, LaTonya(Kenneth)Davenport and Yolanda Stevens; son, Sean(Monique) Stevens; grandchildren, Joshua Davenport, Clinton Gresham II and Sidney Stevens; sister Mary Jones; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who he left to cherish his memory and continue to preserve and cultivate his legacy. George Jerone Stevens was preceded in death by his parents Joe and Lucile Stevens; sister, Mabel Thornton; brothers, Joe Bob, and Charles Stevens; and two beautiful grandchildren, Delando Stevens and Joslyn Davenport, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED On behalf of myself, Council Member Roy McCalister, Jr, and the entire Detroit City Council we give Mr. George Jerone Stevens this blessing, as he returns to the Father. May the Lord bless you. May the Angels of the Lord lead you to your Savior's arms. For you were a sign of his presence to us, through your intuitive ideas and creative abilities that lead you to start businesses that blessed many individuals and families. May the Lord now embrace you and hold you in his love forever. Amen.

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Scott ... COUNCIL MEMBER
Raquel Castañeda-López ... COUNCIL MEMBER

Brenda Jones ... COUNCIL PRESIDENT
Gabe Zeland ... COUNCIL MEMBER
Andre J. ... COUNCIL MEMBER

October 6, 2018

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