

October 23, 2018
Forum Agenda

**TESTIMONIAL
RESOLUTIONS
AND SPECIAL
PRIVILEGE**

Testimonial Resolution

CHARLES M. "CHARLIE" BECKHAM

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- WHEREAS,** It is with great pleasure and privilege that we, the members of the **Detroit City Council**, recognize and extend congratulations to **CHARLES "CHARLIE" BECKHAM** on his retirement (for the second and final time) from the City of Detroit, after more than forty (40) years of public service; **and**
- WHEREAS,** **CHARLIE BECKHAM** moved from Cincinnati with his family when he was only ten years old. He is a product of the Detroit Public Schools system and a proud graduate of Cass Technical High School. **CHARLIE** attended the University of Michigan, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. In 1981, he received the "Young Engineer of the Year" award from the Engineering Society of Detroit; **and**
- WHEREAS,** The Beckham family's legacy of public service was initiated by **CHARLIE'S** father, William J. Beckham Sr., who was the first African American to be named Administrative Assistant to the president of the United Auto Workers (UAW), by the union's legendary President, Walter Reuther. That legacy was further redefined by **CHARLIE'S** older brother, William J. Beckham Jr., who served as the City's first black Deputy Mayor and later led both New Detroit Inc., and the Skillman Foundation; **and**
- WHEREAS,** **MR. BECKHAM** was one of the first African-American engineers hired by General Motors and was loaned to the city after Mayor Young requested help from the company. **CHARLIE** served as a trusted advisor or key executive to each of the city's last six mayors; Mayor Coleman A. Young, Mayor Dennis Archer, Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, interim Mayor Kenneth Cockrel, Mayor Dave Bing and Mayor Mike Duggan. During his long and distinguished career as a municipal public servant, **MR. BECKHAM** held leadership positions in the Public Lighting, Recreation, General Services, and Water and Sewerage departments. In addition, he served as a Chief Operating Officer, Chief Administrative Officer, Group Executive/Operations, and most recently as Group Executive/Director of the Department of Neighborhoods. In this capacity, **CHARLIE** spearheaded the city's neighborhood work and ensured that everyone's voices were heard and included. In fact, he has run more city departments serving the citizens of Detroit than any mayoral appointee in the last forty years; **and**
- WHEREAS,** Despite hardships and obstacles that would have deterred and defeated a lesser man, **CHARLIE BECKHAM** held his head up high through it all and exhibited grace under fire. He maintained a steadfast determination to move forward in a positive direction by helping to improve the quality of life for his fellow Detroiters; **and**
- WHEREAS,** On September 15, 2018, **CHARLIE** took the stage at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History to present a one-man live stage play about his life called "Seemed like a Good Idea at the Time." **CHARLIE BECKHAM** served the City of Detroit and its citizens ably and steadfastly with dignity and honor. The City of Detroit has benefited greatly from **CHARLIE'S** leadership, commitment and dedication. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED,** That the **Detroit City Council** and office of Council President **Brenda Jones**, expresses our deepest admiration, respect, gratitude and appreciation to **CHARLES M. BECKHAM** for a job well done and for his many decades of outstanding service to the City of Detroit and its citizens. We extend best wishes to him for a well-earned, fulfilling and enjoyable retirement.

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Testimonial Resolution 82

In Memoriam

Mr. William Charles Brooks Sr.

WHEREAS, We, the members of the **Detroit City Council**, solemnly pause today to honor the memory of the late **MR. WILLIAM "BILL" CHARLES BROOKS**, a beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, who made his heavenly transition on October 1, 2018, with his loving wife, Elizabeth "Betty" Brooks by his side. Their friendship, partnership and romance lasted for sixty-two years; **and**









WHEREAS, **WILLIAM BROOKS** was born on August 21, 1933, in Saint Genevieve, Missouri, to Johanna and William Harrison Brooks. His father was a decorated World War I veteran, who served in heavy combat in France. His mother was a beloved educator, the first African American from Ste. Genevieve to earn a college degree. In 1941, even at the height of school segregation, she was elected Vice President of the Missouri Parent Teachers Association. She later became a professor at Stowe Teachers College in St. Louis. **BILL** earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Long Island University in Brooklyn, New York, and a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma. He was also a graduate of the Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program and received an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree from Florida A&M University; **and**

WHEREAS, **BILL BROOKS'** public service career ranged from serving in the U.S. Air Force, working at the Pentagon as an Officer for six years, and as an appointee of three past presidential administrations. Upon retirement from the Air Force in 1972, **BILL** was recruited to serve in the White House in the Office of Management and Budget. He was appointed Operations Research Analyst under President Richard Nixon, Assistant Secretary of Labor for the Employment Standards Administration under President George H.W. Bush, and as a member of the Social Security Advisory Board under President Bill Clinton. **BILL** has advised mayors, congressional representatives and presidents; **and**

WHEREAS, During his long distinguished tenure at General Motors, **BILL BROOKS** served in various executive positions prior to his retirement in 1997, including Vice President of Corporate Affairs, Chairman of the General Motors Foundation and Chairman of the Board and President of Motor Enterprises Inc. After leaving General Motors, **BILL** served as CEO of United American Healthcare Corp. and BPI Communications LLC, Vice Chairman of Netlinks LLC, Chairman of the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation. Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Black Chamber of Commerce and the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce. He also launched various business ventures and served on the boards of several publicly traded utility companies, educational institutions and healthcare institutions. **BILL BROOKS** ran for Detroit mayor in 2001; **and**

WHEREAS, **BILL** was a treasured leader in business, public service, civic and community service, who touched so many people throughout his lifetime. He was a tireless advocate for the community and a champion for other African American business owners and professionals. **BILL** was a mentor to many and fought to ensure economic inclusion. He believed in our young people and cared about their education. **BILL** took on the role of Chairman of the Detroit Public Schools Board of Education, hoping to improve the quality of education and outcomes for Detroit schoolchildren. He and his wife were philanthropists and supported the arts and many charities that needed help. **BILL** served on the boards of the Michigan Opera Theatre and the Music Hall Center for Performing Arts. **BILL BROOKS** is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; his children, William C. Brooks Jr., Patricia Brooks and Pamela Tully; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. **MR. WILLIAM CHARLES BROOKS SR.** 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 CHARLES BROOKS SR.** He will be greatly missed and his contributions and the lessons he taught will live on forever.

	
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DETROIT CITY COUNCIL

Testimonial Resolution 83

In Memoriam

Ms. Leontine Theresa "Tine" Person

WHEREAS, We, the members of the Detroit City Council, solemnly pause today to recognize and bestow homage upon the late, MS. LEONTINE THERESA "TINE" PERSON, affectionately known as "The Eastside Lady," who was granted her angel wings on Sunday, October 7, 2018; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong-Detroiter, LEONTINE THERESA PERSON was born on January 27, 1936, to the union of Eustace and Linnie Hall. She was the apple of her mother's eye. LEONTINE and her mother lived together for many years. She was preceded in death by her parents and five siblings, Eustace, Robert "Showboat," Freddie, William, Meredith and Jeanette. TINE accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior as a teen at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Even though she was not a big fan of churches, she strongly believed in God and prayer. MS. PERSON would often say, "she tithed her time;" and

WHEREAS, MS. PERSON was blessed to be the mother of Rosalyn, Denise, Jeanette Lynn, Frederick Alfred and Robert Joseph. She raised her children as a single mother and loved them dearly. MS. PERSON was firm, yet loving and determined. She spoiled her children, helped them, cooked for them, gave them advice and prayed for them. She went above and beyond to demonstrate her unconditional love for her children. MS. PERSON was the epitome of a woman that knew how to make ends meet, until she was blessed with a great job at General Motors. She worked as an assembly line worker and served as a union steward until she retired. She arranged for her union to sponsor amazing Christmas parties; and

WHEREAS, MS. PERSON'S three grandchildren, Leontine Theresa, Carmen Lynn and Harbert "Huggie" Jones Jr., were the loves of her life. She talked to everyone about her grandchildren. MS. PERSON enjoyed cooking breakfast on Saturday mornings for them; making delicious homemade pancakes with Alaga syrup. Her weekends often consisted of making homemade rolls, cakes and each of their favorite meals. Sadly, Huggie preceded her in death; and

WHEREAS, MS. PERSON loved helping people. She lived a life of service to her family, her community, and to anyone that she could lend a hand to. MS. PERSON was a grassroots and political activist, always standing up for causes she believed in, advocating for the people. She enjoyed serving as the President of the Bewick Block Club. MS. PERSON sponsored many fun fairs at Krolik Elementary School, volunteered at the neighborhood mini police station, and helped people to get home improvement grants, free food and housing. Later in life, she was elected as a Precinct Delegate and worked as an Election Day Poll Worker for the city's Election Department. MS. PERSON was given her nickname, "The Eastside Lady" for notoriously calling into radio stations, news programs, and staging sit-ins at City Council to discuss issues that directly affected residents on the east side of Detroit. She was actually banned from calling into some radio talk shows and she was proud of it! MS. PERSON protested redistricting, car insurance rates, water rates, crime and more. She received many awards and recognition for her work in the community. "The Eastside Lady" was known for her quick wit and no-nonsense demeanor. If she loved you, you knew it. If she didn't, you knew it. Whatever she wanted to tell you, she did, even if you didn't want to hear it. MS. LEONTINE THERESA "TINE" PERSON leaves a family and community legacy of love and inspiration. She has been a good servant and ensured that her impact would be forever embedded in the hearts of those she 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 to celebrate the life of MS. LEONTINE THERESA "TINE" PERSON. She will be greatly missed and her contributions and the lessons she taught will live on forever.

Signatures of Council President Brenda Jones, Council President Pro Tem Maura Sheffner, Council Member Jamil D. Williams, Council Member Dwight R. Brown, Council Member Raquel Castañeda-Tópay, Council Member Mike Johnson, Council Member [Signature], Council Member [Signature], Council Member [Signature]

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Testimonial Resolution 84

Dr. Urias H. Beverly

WHEREAS

Dr. Urias H. Beverly was born in Indianapolis, IN, where he lived the first 56 years of his life. He began a ministry at the early age of six, and was the son of a mighty, dynamic Baptist preacher. He earned a BA in Psychology at University of Indianapolis, MS Educational Psychology at Butler University, MDiv at Christian Theological Seminary in Pastoral Care and Counseling, all in Indianapolis; and

WHEREAS

Dr. Urias H. Beverly has pastored several churches including: Trinity and Unity Baptist Church, Riverside United Methodist Church, Stone of Hope Nondenominational Church (which he founded in Indianapolis), and Grand River American Baptist Church in Livonia, Michigan. He has had a career in pastoral care and counseling: hospital chaplain for 20 years, Clinical Pastoral Educator (training chaplains) over 38 years, pastoral counselor/marriage and family therapist for 35 years. He has provided consultation and leadership in three professional organizations, including serving as President of the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE). He has preached and conducted workshops and seminars throughout the United States, other parts of the continent and several countries in Europe and Africa; and

WHEREAS

Dr. Urias H. Beverly is former Director of the Doctor of Ministry (DMin) and Muslim Chaplaincy (MCP) programs at Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit, Michigan, where he also taught Pastoral Care and Counseling. He retired in January 2009, after supervising hundreds of students, including 18 Rabbis. He began teaching Spiritual Care to Muslims in 2011. Dr. Urias H. Beverly is an accomplished writer and has published several newspapers and journal articles and one book: *The Places You Go: Caring for Your Congregation Monday through Saturday*. Also an avid musician, he plays several instruments and writes songs, poetry and plays. Married to Billie in 1998, they have five children, eleven grandchildren and one great granddaughter. The family attends Hartford Memorial Baptist Church. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED

That the **Detroit City Council and Office of Council President Brenda Jones** would like to take this time to congratulate **Dr. Urias H. Beverly**. We honor and recognize his dedication, accomplishments and outstanding contribution. May God bless you in abundance!

Brenda Jones

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