

NOVEMBER 13, 2018
FORMAL AGENDA

**TESTIMONIAL
RESOLUTIONS
AND SPECIAL
PRIVILEGE**

Testimonial Resolution









Pastor Keenann R. Knox

WHEREAS **Pastor Keenann R. Knox**, was born and raised in the City of Detroit. He attended Finney High School and Eastern Michigan University. He is the devoted husband of Danielle and the father of three amazing children; and

WHEREAS **Pastor Keenann R. Knox** has repeatedly demonstrated an exemplary commitment and willingness to serve local citizens and youth. This dedication has been expressed through his efforts as the Founder and Senior Pastor of Impact Church in Detroit, Michigan, an innovative ministry whose mission is providing leadership in rebuilding the eastern region of the city, one block at a time. His dedication is further displayed through an appointment by Mayor Mike Duggan to the City of Detroit Board of Ethics. Additionally, he sits on the Advisory Board to DMC's Path to Health and Detroit Driven Initiative. He serves on the Board of Directors for several community organizations, including: Operation Get Down, Alkebu-lan Village, Spiritual Leadership Council for St. John Hospital, Magnum Management Services for Timbuktu Academy, and Save Jobs Detroit; and

WHEREAS Through the insightful leadership of **Pastor Keenann R. Knox**, the nine-block radius surrounding the church has been designated as an "Impact Zone". Impact Church has adopted six area schools with the "Hope for the Holidays" Outreach Program, thus impacting the lives of thousands of Eastside youth. Impact Church hosts annual events such as the Summer Block Party, a free outdoor festival for community residents and the "Heroes Honors" series, that pays tribute to Educators, First Responders, Veterans and Caregivers. All of these events have become hallmarks of Pastor Knox's and Impact's commitment to the community. 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 **Pastor Keenann R. Knox** for his 20 years of Ministerial excellence and service to the City of Detroit. We honor and recognize his dedication, accomplishments and outstanding contribution. May God bless you in abundance!

	
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November 8, 2018

DATE

Testimonial Resolution
Monique Baker McCormick
Happy 50th Birthday








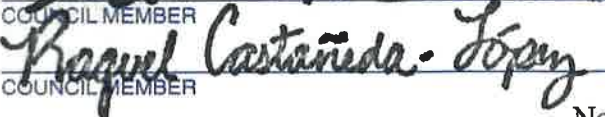
WHEREAS *Monique Baker McCormick*, Daughter of Detroit, Veteran of the U.S. Army and holder of a Master's Degree in Business, was born on November 6, 1968. 50 years later, we want to congratulate *Monique Baker McCormick* on being the first female elected to Wayne County Commission in District 6; and

WHEREAS In June 2018, Bridge Magazine reporter Joel Kurth wrote an article titled, "Lawsuits, dirty tricks and an angry ex-wife: Is this Detroit ugliest election?" He called *Monique Baker McCormick's* 10 year journey to her seat as Wayne County Commissioner "a primer on dirty political tricks." Through it all, *Monique Baker McCormick* successfully won a defamation lawsuit. Her win would not have come without God by her side, the support of a great team and many in her community pushing her on. She earned her seat with hard work, perseverance and determination; and

WHEREAS *Monique Baker McCormick* is a single mother of two beautiful adult daughters, Maya and Keianna. She believes that "Our children are our future! And our future depends on what seeds we pass-on to our children". She and her daughters attended J.R. King Elementary School and Ludington Middle School in District 6. She was actively involved and elected as President of the Parent Organization at both schools. *Monique Baker McCormick* successfully organized parents and students to protest against DPS Emergency Management and the closing of one of the best schools in Northwest Detroit. She also served six terms as Chairwoman of Cass Tech Title-One Parent Organization, administering the budget and organizing educational programs for parents; and

WHEREAS *Monique Baker McCormick*, has fought for jobs, job training programs, economic development and better conditions for working families, students and seniors most of her life. She believes that no one should be left behind! NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED That the **Detroit City Council, Office of Council President Brenda Jones** along with family and friends would like to take this time to honor you as we celebrate your Special Day. **Happy 50th Birthday!** May God continue to bless you!

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November 1, 2018

DATE

Testimonial Resolution

Roderick Denard McClary

WHEREAS

Roderick Denard McClary has been blessed to serve our community in the ministry of music for over 45 years. Affectionately known as **Denard**, he began piano lessons at an early age. By 10 years old, he became the Sunday School Musician for the Mount Calvary A.M.E. Church and by the age of 13, he was the Staff Organist for Saint Elizabeth Church of Detroit, Michigan. At the age of 15, he held the position of organist for then famous Wings of Truth Gospel Church and its radio Ministry, which was heard on WGPR radio seven days a week; and

WHEREAS

In 1981, he became Staff Musician for the Unity Baptist Church and its Nationally Acclaimed Music Ministry. In 1998, **Roderick Denard McClary** founded the Metro Detroit Area Fellowship Choir, which he has the privilege of serving as director from its inception. His musical talents and Ministry of Music has provided comfort and inspiration to countless people across the city, state, country and abroad. Some of the most memorable moments in his music career were meeting the legendary playwright, author, and activist James Baldwin and serving as assistant music director of the renowned play, "The Amen Corner." During the 911 crisis, he and the Metropolitan Detroit Area Fellowship Choir were called upon to bring comfort to our State and Nation through their Music Ministry. He is currently serving as Minister of Music for the Historic Calvary Baptist Church in Detroit; and

WHEREAS

Roderick Denard McClary was taught the importance of service to humanity through strong Christian values by his Grandmother, Agnes Blue Woods and Great Aunt Rose Blue Hopkins. A highlight that he's most proud of is serving as co-coordinator for the Common Bonds Interface Musical, a collaboration of Jewish and African American musicians to help build the bridge of greater goodwill between the African American and Jewish communities. Serving as special consultant for the Lakeridge Ministries and Recovery Center, he offers music programs for those in recovery and mental issues. He also supports a Holiday feeding program for families in need, sponsored by the MDA Fellowship Choir. A Youth mentorship program, in partnership with Bowling Green University, to provide young people with scholarships in music, and other philanthropic endeavors. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED

That the **Detroit City Council and Office of Council President Brenda Jones** would like to take this time to honor and congratulate **Roderick Denard McClary**, his accomplishments and outstanding contribution. May God bless you in abundance!

Brenda Jones
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mary Sheffield
COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM

Debra Chalk
COUNCIL MEMBER

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Andre J. Spivey
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Andre J. Spivey
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Raquel Castañeda-Lopez
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November 10, 2018

DATE

RESOLUTION

In Memoriam

Deacon Jackie Cooper Jr.

December 17, 1944 – October 25, 2018

WHEREAS Deacon Jackie Cooper Jr., the first born son of Jack & Bobbie Jo Cooper was born in Eldorado, Arkansas on December 17, 1944. The family moved to Detroit, Michigan where he grew up and attended the Detroit Public Schools. He graduated from Northeastern High School in 1962. Deacon Cooper accepted Jesus Christ at an early age as his savior and joined the Oakland Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor William Wilson. In 1967 he became a founding father and Head Deacon of New Way Christian Community Church under the leadership of his brother and Pastor, the Rev. Dr. Henry Cooper. He was a cheerful and faithful servant. He was a Faithful Servant who especially enjoyed visiting the sick and shut in as well as mentoring youth and young adults regarding life skills and work/ job availability; and

WHEREAS Deacon Cooper was employed by the City of Detroit for 34 years retiring in 2003. First serving in 1969 as a Case Manager assigned to the Work First initiative for welfare reform, where he counseled families and evaluated at-risk individuals for eligibility to participate in government funded programs. Later in 1988, Deacon Cooper worked as a senior Government Analyst for the Detroit Water Board where he was responsible for raising revenue by selling city-owned vehicles, construction equipment and maintenance equipment. Deacon Cooper also managed city-sponsored auctions, which raised significant revenue for the City of Detroit's general fund. During retirement, he continued his devotion to mentoring youth by volunteering at Cornerstone Schools. He shared his Christian beliefs with staff and students and was revered as a father figure and mentor. He enjoyed touring Michigan visiting lighthouses and wineries and entertaining family and friends at home; and

WHEREAS Deacon Cooper was a faithful friend; to know him was to love him! He enjoyed traveling, photography, classic cars, classical music, and jazz – actually, he enjoyed all genres of music, and of course, collecting and sharing local and international fine wines; and

WHEREAS Deacon Jackie Cooper Jr. departed this life peacefully at home on Thursday, October 25, 2018 surrounded by family and friends. He left to cherish his memory: his loving, devoted wife, Mildred Elaine; two sons: Dylan Kenyatta and Tshombe' Imere; two daughters: Candace LeeAnn Brockman (Morris) and Maia Rashida Cross (Carleton); four grandsons: Morris Jr.(Michelle) Miles and Marsalis, Kyle and Cameron; two brothers: Great grands, Morgan & Morris III), Pastor, Rev. Dr. Henry Cooper (First Lady Modina) and Michael Cooper; brother-in-law's; faithful advisor, Deacon Johnnie Payton (Dorothy) and John B. Brown (Lorain) of Camden, MS. One Sister In Law: Shirley Brown Lloyd (Frank) of Pearl, MS, Niece; Joiuan McIntosh (Dale) and Nephew: Joshua McIntosh; devoted best friend, Damu Montgomery (Bahati), his New Way family and a host of family and friends. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED That on this, the 3rd day of November, in the year 2018, the Hon. James E. Tate, Jr. and the entire Detroit City Council honors the memory of Jackie Cooper, Jr. - a man who truly represents the Spirit of Detroit.

Handwritten signatures of Council members and the Council President, with printed names and titles below them. The date 'November 5, 2018' is written at the bottom.