

11/20/18









TESTIMONIAL RESOLUTIONS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGE

Testimonial Resolution

In Memoriam

Mrs. Phyllis Diana Smith

- WHEREAS,** We, the members of the **Detroit City Council**, solemnly pause today to recognize and bestow homage upon the late, **Mrs. Phyllis Diana Smith**, who made her heavenly transition on November 5, 2018; **and**
- WHEREAS,** A native of Hollandale, Mississippi, **Phyllis Diana Smith** was welcomed into the world on September 23, 1960, by her loving parents Ethel and Roosevelt Hart. She was the third of her siblings: Willie, Lorraine, Carolyn (Neise), Margaret and Tanya. When **Phyllis** was four, the family relocated to Chicago; **and**
- WHEREAS,** After graduating from South Shore High School in 1979, **Phyllis** enrolled at Truman College. In 1982, her son Creighton was born. Eventually, she met the love of her life, Bruce, in the summer of 1986 while attending her cousin's wedding. The couple maintained a long distance relationship until he convinced her to move to Detroit. **Phyllis** and Bruce were united in marriage on December 14, 1987. Their daughter, Mia, was born in 1988; **and**
- WHEREAS,** **Phyllis** was employed at Target for many years. She enjoyed working there and made plenty of friends along the way. **Phyllis** was devoted to her family and the example she set, the wisdom she imparted, made a significant impact in the lives of others. She remained positive and cheerful through difficult adversities, never revealing the extent of her pain and suffering; **and**
- WHEREAS,** **Phyllis** leaves to treasure and cherish her memory, her children Creighton Hart (Kayla) and Mia Smith; mother Ethel Mae Hart; siblings Willie Jackson, Dorothy Hart-Perry (Oscar), Carolyn Hart, Margaret Daniels (James) and Tanya Hart-Keith; bonus siblings Caroline and Gayle Matthews; best friend Marcy; special friend Larry, and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband of 27 years Bruce Smith, father Roosevelt Hart, and bonus brother Mark Matthews. **Mrs. Phyllis Diana Smith** 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 **Mrs. Phyllis Diana Smith**. She will be greatly missed.

	
COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM	COUNCIL PRESIDENT
	
COUNCIL MEMBER	COUNCIL MEMBER
	
COUNCIL MEMBER	COUNCIL MEMBER
	
COUNCIL MEMBER	COUNCIL MEMBER

November 14, 2018

DATE

Testimonial Resolution

HON. MARTHA REEVES

62









WHEREAS, The Honorable **MARTHA REEVES**, lead singer of the well-known vocal group Martha Reeves and the Vandellas, also an actress, author and former member of the Detroit City Council, has accumulated a lifetime of accolades as a result of her contributions to music, Motown and the lives of Detroiters. **MARTHA REEVES** rose to fame as the lead singer of Martha Reeves and the Vandellas and as one of the original artists who established the renowned Motown sound. As lead singer, she helped shape the sound of popular music, changing the landscape and paving the way for contemporary music. The group scored over a dozen hit singles, including *Come and Get These Memories*, *Jimmy Mack*, *Nowhere to Run*, *Heatwave*, *Quicksand*, *In My Lonely Room*, and their signature song, *Dancing in the Street*. **MARTHA REEVES'** remarkable music career has allowed her to see and perform around the world. Sometimes performing up to 30 weeks a year, **MARTHA** never tires of reliving the popular hits of Martha Reeves and the Vandellas; **and**

WHEREAS, **MARTHA ROSE REEVES** is one of eleven children born to Ruby and Elijah Reeves. She was a baby when the family moved to Detroit, Michigan. **MARTHA** and her siblings acquired their love of music from their parents; Elijah played guitar and Ruby liked to sing. Her mother was her first singing instructor. **MARTHA** sung in high school at Detroit's Northeastern and eventually joined a couple of singing groups, The Fascinations and The Del-Phis. Through 1960 and 1961, she made ends meet working several jobs by day and performing as a singer at night in some of Detroit's nightclubs. One evening while singing at the famous "20 Grand," **MARTHA** was spotted by Motown Records A&R Director, Mickey Stevenson, who gave her his business card and invited her to audition. She showed up at the studio the next morning, not realizing that she had to call first to schedule an audition. Stevenson put her to work answering phones, while he took care of other business. Before long, using the clerical skills she learned in high school, **MARTHA** became the studio's secretary while singing backup vocals; **and**

WHEREAS, One day, when Mary Wells couldn't make a recording session, **MARTHA** stepped up to the mic and called in her groupmates, The Del-Phis. Shortly after, with the recording *I'll Have to Let Him Go*, Martha and the Vandellas was born. With her brassy and gospel-reared vocals, **MARTHA REEVES** helped make Martha and the Vandellas one of Motown's leading acts. The group's legendary television appearances included, *The Mike Douglas Show*, *American Bandstand*, *Soul Train* and *the Ed Sullivan Show* – to name a few. They were also featured in major magazine articles including, *Ebony*, *JET* and *Soul Illustrated* and the music newspaper, *Soul*. **MARTHA** was also an early contributing writer to the newspaper. In 1972, after Motown moved to Los Angeles, **MARTHA** ended her tenure with the label. After leaving Motown and moving to Los Angeles herself, she embarked on a solo career. She took acting classes and appeared in the movie *Fairy Tales* and on the television series, *Quincy*, *ME*, as well as game shows like *Hollywood Squares*. In 1983, **MARTHA** performed solo on the famed *Motown 25* television special. She also performed in a Broadway production of *Ain't Misbehavin'*. **MARTHA** reunited with original members of the Vandellas in 1989, both on record and on tour; **and**

WHEREAS, Among her career milestones are the induction of Martha and the Vandellas into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and the Vocal Group Hall of Fame. **MARTHA** was also honored for her best-selling 1995 autobiography, *Dancing in the Street*. In 2004, she released her first album in 24 years, *Home to You*. In January 2012, **MARTHA** held court in London at Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club, with a sold-out six show stand. In 2015, the group embarked on a sold-out tour of clubs and theatres in Brussels, Paris and Belgium. She was inducted into the Rhythm and Blues Hall of Fame in September 2014, and received the Sandy Hosey Lifetime Achievement Award at the Artists Music Guild's Heritage Awards in November 2015. After serving on the Detroit City Council from 2005 to 2009, **MARTHA REEVES** returned to full-time performing with nearly 50 shows annually. She continues to connect with fans across the globe, performing concerts and club dates, both solo and with the Vandellas. Her love of Detroit has kept her coming back to the City that made her! **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council and office of Council President Brenda Jones, hereby presents this Testimonial Resolution to **MARTHA REEVES** in recognition of her outstanding musical achievements and contributions to Detroit's very own unique Motown sound.

	
COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM	COUNCIL PRESIDENT
	
COUNCIL MEMBER	COUNCIL MEMBER
	
COUNCIL MEMBER	COUNCIL MEMBER
	
COUNCIL MEMBER	COUNCIL MEMBER

November 2, 2018
DATE

Testimonial Resolution

Fisherman Earl "Doc" Savage

35th Spiritual Anointing and 71st Birthday

- WHEREAS:** **FISHERMAN EARL "DOC" SAVAGE** is the youngest of 14 children born November 6, 1947 to the union of Solomon and Mencie Savage in Fuman, Alabama. He attended Snow Hill Institute in Snow Hill, Alabama and is a Vietnam Veteran; *and*
- WHEREAS:** **The Fisherman** furthered his education to become an Air Conditioning and Heating Specialist for Detroit Diesel, and retired October 31, 2008 after 42 years of service. He has been married 36 years to his lovely wife, Mrs. Sandra Savage. They have two sons and five grandchildren; *and*
- WHEREAS:** On April 10, 1982, **Earl Savage** joined The Order of the Fishermen Ministry and was baptized on June 8, 1975 by **Martha Jean "THE QUEEN" Steinberg**, the Spiritual Leader and Founder of The Order of the Fishermen Ministry; *and*
- WHEREAS:** On June 26, 1982, at the Home of Love on a Sunday morning, the Holy Spirit touched this Soul and a new dimension of commitment was brought forth. Upon this occasion **Earl "Doc" Savage** was named **Fisherman-Elect** of The Order of the Fisherman Ministry. He was placed on a probationary period for one year so that the Being could be anchored in the "Light of Life"; *and*
- WHEREAS:** On June 26, 1983 at the Home of Love, this Obedient One was named **FISHERMAN** by **"THE QUEEN"**, where she prophesied that **FISHERMAN EARL "DOC" SAVAGE** would be recognized and anointed as the **First Fisherman** of The Order of the Fishermen Ministry; accepting the command that Jesus the Christ gave to His first Disciples when He said, "Follow Me, and I will make you Fishers of the Souls of Men". On Saturday, November 10, 2018, the Home of Love will celebrate **FISHERMAN EARL 'DOC' SAVAGE'S 35th Spiritual Anointing and 71st Birthday**. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED:** Council Member **Raquel Castañeda-López** and her colleagues on the Detroit City Council congratulate **FISHERMAN EARL 'DOC' SAVAGE** on the occasion of his **35th Spirit Anointing and 71st Birthday Anniversary**. May God continue to bless his ministry and his life for many more years.

Brenda Jones
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mary Sheffield
COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM

James D. Ay
COUNCIL MEMBER

Scott Be
COUNCIL MEMBER

Raquel Castañeda-López
COUNCIL MEMBER

Duke Baker
COUNCIL MEMBER

Russell
COUNCIL MEMBER

Archie J. Spring
COUNCIL MEMBER

JS
COUNCIL MEMBER

November 10, 2018

DATE

Testimonial Resolution

64

Pastor, Henry Hall, Jr. "38th Pastoral Anniversary"

WHEREAS: Pastor Henry Hall, Jr. is the second preacher of five children born to Deacon Henry Hall, Sr. (Deceased) and Mrs. Willie Lee Hall. He is a native Detroit. He received his formal education in the Detroit Public School System and graduated from Henry Ford High School. Accepting the clarion call of the Master, Pastor Hall studied to show himself approved unto God and after that, obtained his BA in Religion and Philosophy from Bishop College, Dallas, TX. He pursued further studies at Dallas Baptist College and Dallas Theological Seminary. Proverbs 18:16 says: "A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men." God's Word is true, and He has allowed Pastor Hall to conduct numerous evangelistic revivals, seminars, and workshops for preachers and pastors throughout the nation. Additionally, he participated in the International Congress for World-Evangelism, Lucerne, Switzerland, Billy Graham School of Education and Campus Crusade Ministries, just to name a few, AND

WHEREAS: Pastor Henry Hall, Jr.'s accomplishments during his 38+ years in the ministry have been numerous and blessed by God! Pastor Hall served as Interim Pastor of the Second Chapel Baptist Church, Garland, TX. Pastor Hall also served as the Assistant Pastor of the New Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Highland Park, MI, under the leadership of the late Pastor Jerome Kirby. Pastor Hall also served as Interim Pastor of the Second Corinthian Baptist Church, Detroit, MI, ultimately becoming its Pastor in 1997. Following the direction of the Holy Spirit, Pastor Hall renamed the church to Cedar Christian Church ("Cedar") in 2007, AND

WHEREAS: Pastor Henry Hall, Jr. is divinely anointed and appointed. He is a shepherd after God's own heart. He is well known for his uncompromising integrity and dynamic teaching and preaching ability, AND

WHEREAS: Pastor Henry Hall, Jr. shares his love through fellowship with others and demonstrates his calling to discipleship with a deep commitment to carry Christ to an unsaved society and by boldly delivering the unadulterated truth, in season and out of season, without fainting, with clarity, and with authority, AND

WHEREAS: Pastor Henry Hall, Jr. is selfless and steadfast in his unreserved efforts to encourage and edify not only the Body of Believers, but to improve the world, one community at a time, both physically and spiritually, AND

WHEREAS: Pastor Henry Hall, Jr. has made tremendous strides in ministry. With steps ordered by God and a thankful heart, he continues to do so. He is well respected among his contemporaries and the congregation he has been given charge over. This year he celebrates 21 years in the pastorate--a demonstration of commitment and his personal testimony to the Master. Under the direction and leadership of Pastor Hall, Cedar's accomplishments have been great, and Cedar continues to flourish and fulfill the mandate of Christ. A few of Cedar's accomplishments include, but are not limited to the: purchasing of a new edifice (1221 East Lantz Street, Detroit, MI.) in 2007; burning of the church mortgage in 2010; establishing the Cedar School of Ministry in 2012; renovating the dining hall in the lower level of the church; installing chairlift systems to the main sanctuary, and to the lower level of the church; installing a modular air conditioning system; installing an entire new roofing system. Launching Cedar Outreach, a 501c3 Corporation which provides food (monthly and on special holidays) to individuals and families in the Northeast corridor of Detroit in partnership with Forgotten Harvest; a Summer lunch program during school break to individuals and families in the Northeast corridor of Detroit in partnership with Forgotten Harvest; a Summer outreach "Celebrating the Community" picnic for individuals and families in the Northeast corridor of Detroit; backpacks and school supplies each school year to children in the Northeast corridor of Detroit; clothing (including winter coats, hats, and gloves) to individuals in the Northeast corridor of Detroit and to Nolan School; hope and help ("Lights on Lantz") on Christmas Eve for selected families in the Northeast corridor of Detroit by sharing new toys and other gifts, AND

WHEREAS: Pastor Henry Hall, Jr. is a gifted yet humble servant who continues to establish himself as one of the most influential leaders of our time, AND

WHEREAS: Pastor Henry Hall, Jr. has obtained "favor of the Lord" in the finding of his wife, Sharee'. They are the proud parents of two daughters, Harmony Joi and Harlyn Jade. NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE

RESOLVED: That Council Member Roy McCalister Jr., and the entire Detroit City Council, joins with the Cedar Christian Church, congregation in celebrating the 38th Pastoral Anniversary of Pastor, Henry Hall, Jr. May God continue to bless you with many more years of dedicated years of service.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 says: "And now, friends, we ask you to honor those leaders, who work so hard for you, who have been given the responsibility of urging and guiding you along in your obedience. Overwhelm them with appreciation and love."

Manix Shuffner
COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM

Brenda Jones
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Dabe L. C.
COUNCIL MEMBER

COUNCIL MEMBER

COUNCIL MEMBER

COUNCIL MEMBER

COUNCIL MEMBER

COUNCIL MEMBER

COUNCIL MEMBER

November 18, 2018

DATE

CITY CLERK 2018 NOV 18 PM 4:05

Testimonial Resolution

Henrietta Jefferies

- WHEREAS,** Mrs. Henrietta Jefferies was born on September 4, 1928 at Herman Kiefer Hospital in Detroit, Michigan to the marriage of her parents, Henry and Acola Perry. Education was a very important aspect of Mrs. Jefferies life, as she attended Trowbridge Elementary School, Garfield Middle School and Northeastern High School; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** Throughout her life. Mrs. Jefferies has also been very steadfast in her religion, as she joined the Tried Stone Baptist Church in February of 1965 under Pastor Marion B. Terrell. Following Pastor Terrell's retirement, Mrs. Jefferies remained at Tried Stone Baptist church under new leadership, Pastor Richard P. Wison. After Tried Stone Baptist Church dissolved its membership, Mrs. Jefferies joined the New Bethlehem Baptist Church in 2016 under Pastor Love Joy Johnson III; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** Mrs. Jefferies love for music and especially gospel music definitely showed over the years. She sang with the Inspirational Choir at Tried Stone Baptist Church since 1965. Because of Mrs. Jefferies God-given talent, over the years and still to this day, Mrs. Jefferies has been called upon to sing at funerals and other church related functions. While still at Tried Stone Baptist Church, Mrs. Jeffries also worked as a unit coordinator and in the Feed the Hungry Ministry; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** Serving others is not just a value of Mrs. Jefferies'. Her husband, Fred Jefferies, Jr. who is now deceased, joined the army in 1941 and served for five years until he was honorably discharged. Together Mr. and Mrs. Jefferies shared their daughter, Ilene Arcola Jeffries Tally; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** Mrs. Jefferies' work ethic also goes beyond the church and her community. She worked for Ford Motor Company up until 1985 when she retired. As an active voter, Mrs. Jefferies' became a poll worker at the election commission for the City of Detroit following her retirement and stills serves each election to this day. Mrs. Jefferies, firmly believes in the importance of voting and using your voice to make a difference. As a poll worker, she wants to continue to be an example for others and encourage them to use their right to vote; She has exhibited this belief of serving others and her community throughout her life; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED,** That on this day, November 13, 2018, Councilman James E. Tate, Jr., and the entire Detroit City Council, hereby present this testimonial resolution as an expression of gratitude and esteem, on behalf of the residents of the City of Detroit, to Mrs. Henrietta Jefferies in recognition of her 90th birthday on September 4th 2018.

Brandon Jones
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Manny Sheffield
COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM

James Tate, Jr.
COUNCIL MEMBER

Scott R. Davis
COUNCIL MEMBER

Raquel Castañeda-Lopez
COUNCIL MEMBER

Yabe Yeland
COUNCIL MEMBER

Russell
COUNCIL MEMBER

Andre J. Spivey
COUNCIL MEMBER

[Signature]
COUNCIL MEMBER

DATE

CITY CLERK 2018 NOV 15 PM 4:05