TESTIMONIAL RESOLUTIONS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGE

Testimonial Resolution

ALBERT L. FIELDS

WHEREAS

Albert L. Fields joined the City of Detroit in 2002 and served under multiple Mayoral Administrations. During his tenure, he served as an Executive and held a variety of key posts including Deputy COO, Interim COO, Group Executive and Board Chair of the Detroit Transportation Corporation; and

WHEREAS

Albert L. Fields served the City of Detroit with dedication. During his tenure, he fully supported the engagement and development of the Department of Public Works and Traffic Engineering. He implemented road development, construction and citywide efforts on cleaning, sweeping and maintaining the curb area for cycling. To slow traffic and give cyclists a safe passage to enjoy on Belle Isle he directed and empowered the Traffic Engineering Division to implement bike lanes with a "Just do it" philosophy. The Belle Isle bike lanes were the first and led to over 150 miles of bike lanes throughout the City of Detroit. This change in strategic management benefited the City of Detroit's Department of Public Works and Traffic Engineering. The departments began to view the importance of cycling and gave ammunition to use the allocated 1-5% of Federal Road Funding on Non-Motorized Transportation; and

WHEREAS

Albert L. Fields building projects affected the public right of way and started to include bike lanes in the designs. Under his leadership the City of Detroit updated its non-motorized transportation plan. His plan became integral for neighborhoods, street designs and supported complete streets and school safety initiatives; and

WHEREAS

Albert L. Fields currently serves as an Executive Board Member for Southwest Housing Solutions and President of the Board of Directors for the Greenway Coalition; **and**

WHEREAS

Albert L. Fields is a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He is married to Rhoda Henderson Fields and has two wonderful children; Alex and Elise. He looks forward to sharing the joy of safe cycling with his precious granddaughter, Hadley; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED

That the Office of Councilmen Scott Benson congratulates Albert L. Fields on his 65th birthday celebration. Thank you for putting citizens first. May God continue to bless you and your family throughout the years.

Mary Shiffeel	COUNCIL PRESIDENT
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LORETTA BENBOW-UKADIKE

October 3, 1946 – November 17, 2018 In Memoriam

WHEREAS

Loretta Benbow-Ukadike was born October 3, 1946 in Lansing, Michigan to the union of John Robert Johnson and Laura Brim; and

WHEREAS

Loretta Benbow-Ukadike graduated from Northern High School in 1962. Soon afterwards she was blessed to start motherhood. She had two beautiful children Siray Johnson Freeman and Edward Baxter Booth III; and

WHEREAS

Loretta Benbow-Ukadike was gifted with an entrepreneurial spirit. She opened a clothing store on the infamous Avenue of Fashion in Detroit by 1970. In 1974 she began a successful career as a realtor. She was the first African American woman to open an office with RE/Max Realty in 1977; and

WHEREAS

Loretta Benbow-Ukadike was also gift with the spirit of giving. Noticing a need in her community she founded Exodus 321 a non-profit organization that fulfilled the needs of those plagued with mental challenges and homelessness; and

WHEREAS

It being the will of our Lord to call our beloved home after a long life of service, **Loretta Benbow-Ukadike** transitioned from this life, from labor to reward on November 17, 2018; **THEREFORE**, **BE IT**

RESOLVED

That the Office of Councilman Scott Benson and Detroit City Council expresses their deepest condolences and share the sympathy in the loss of your loved one, *Loretta Benbow-Ukadike*. Your loss is heaven's gain. May God bless and comfort you during this time and always.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PROTEM

COUNCIL MEMBER

November 30, 2018

DATE