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**TESTIMONIAL
RESOLUTIONS
AND SPECIAL
PRIVILEGE**

Testimonial Resolution

MARY AUDREY HAMILTON

December 18, 1921 – February 2, 2019
In Memoriam

WHEREAS Mary Audrey Hamilton was born December 18, 1921 in Springfield, Ohio to the union James and Nellie Krumholtz. She was the youngest of eight children and received her education from Catholic Schools in Springfield. In 1940 she graduated from Catholic Central High School; **and**

WHEREAS Mary Audrey Hamilton was a devoted wife and dedicated mother. She met the love of her life Walter Hamilton in 1939. The couple married at St. Teresa on January 22, 1944. This union was blessed with a daughter; Sue Ellen; **and**

WHEREAS Mary Audrey Hamilton was employed with Wright Patterson and the Social Security Department. As a committed employee she received several commendations. Along with her zeal for working she possessed an entrepreneurial spirit. For many years she and her husband owned and operated a religious gift shop from their home and later a florist shop; **and**

WHEREAS Mary Audrey Hamilton was a faithful member of Shepherds of Christ. There she worked with her sister promoting the churches mission and goals. She was a strong advocate and supporter of young mothers and those in need. Her efforts fed and clothed countless families. Mary and her siblings made Rosaries for Mission Priests and members of the community; **and**

WHEREAS Mary Audrey Hamilton moved to Michigan following the death of her husband and later to Detroit to be near her daughter. She was a consistent prayer warrior and lived by four simple rules, "no lying, no cheating, no stealing, no exceptions"; **and**

WHEREAS It being the will of our Lord to call our beloved home after a long life of service, Mary Audrey Hamilton transitioned from this life, from labor to reward on February 2, 2019; **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**

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

Brenda Jones
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM

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COUNCIL MEMBER

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March 2, 2019

DATE

Testimonial Resolution
GAMMA LAMBDA CHAPTER
100th Anniversary

WHEREAS Detroit's Gamma Lambda Charter was introduced to the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated in 1919. Thirteen faithful members held the first meeting at the offices of Dr. M.E. Morton and Dr. J. Gregory at 1721 St. Antoine Street; and





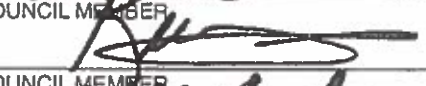
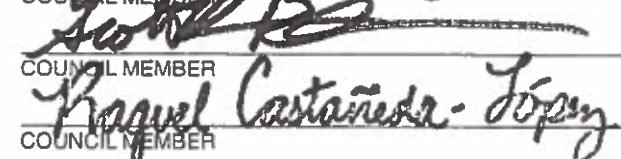
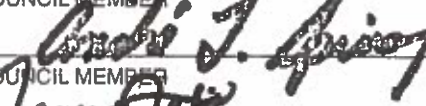

WHEREAS Detroit's Gamma Lambda Charter first President was James Langston Henderson. The meeting location was moved to the Columbia Community Center. In 1920 the first chapter initiation took place with four new members joining. Later that same year six more members were initiated; and

WHEREAS Detroit's Gamma Lambda Chapter heard the concerns of members needing a steady location for meetings. Therefore the members purchased a house located at 293 Eliot on May 15, 1939. It is the oldest fraternity house in Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporation; and

WHEREAS Detroit's Gamma Lambda Charter is known for its community service and outreach. There are four national programs that all chapters have adopted. In 1922 The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity established "Go-To-High School, Go-To-College" a program that emphasis the importance of completing secondary and collegiate education as a road to advancement and success. "Project Alpha" was started in 1980 to educate young males ages 12-15 on relationships, teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. "A Voteless People Is A Hopeless People" is a project to increase voter education and registration. "Brother's Keeper" is a program that is dedicated to improving the quality of life for brothers as they become elderly; and

WHEREAS Detroit's Gamma Lambda Chapter also has a "Big Brother Big Sister" mentoring program, co-sponsors the Meals on Wheels program, and works diligently to award worthy recipients scholarships. Their nonprofit Gamma Lambda Community Development Corporation was established in 2007 to prevent the generational cycle of poverty, teen pregnancy, and end educational stagnation; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED That the Offices of Councilmen Scott Benson, James Tate and Detroit City Council congratulates Detroit's Gamma Lambda Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated for 100 years of service to the residents of Detroit.

	 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
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March 9, 2019

DATE

Testimonial Resolution
Dexter Avenue Baptist Church
100th Anniversary Celebration 1919 – 2019

WHEREAS, For one hundred years, Dexter Avenue Baptist Church has been serving communities on the west side of Detroit – preaching and teaching Christian stewardship, while nurturing the physical body, spirit, and mind through the traditions and principles of Baptist teachings. The church was organized on March 6, 1919, located at 2346 Lincoln in Highland Park, Michigan, under the name of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church. One of the founding members, Rev. William Ferrell, Jr., was installed as the first pastor. Under Reverend William Ferrell, Jr., the church continued to grow. Due to its growth, the church moved to 13724 Thompson in Highland Park and at that time, was the only Baptist church in the city; and

WHEREAS, Dexter Avenue Baptist Church has had minimal changes in leadership over the last 100 years. Shepherds that have lead the church over the years include: Rev. H.B. Bronson (1928-1931), Rev. R.R. Richardson (1931-1932), Rev. Charles Glover Young (1932-1934), and Rev. L.J. Benson (1935-1943), Rev. Dr. William R. Hanley (1945-1985), Rev. Asriel G. McLain (1986-1997), Rev. Frank Raines, III (2000-2010), Rev. Bartlett, II (2011), and Rev. Richard White, III, (2015-present). God gave every pastor a vision to do something that would improve and enrich the church family and the community; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. William R. Haney was called to pastor in 1945, during a challenging time in the church. As the church continued to grow, it needed a new location. In 1958, Reverend Dr. William R. Haney, along with the congregation, made their way to the current location at 13500 Dexter Avenue in Detroit, Michigan and renamed the church Dexter Avenue Baptist Church. The church’s role in the community expanded with the purchase of an attached building at 3350 W. Davison and creation of the William R. Haney Center. The center serves as a community outreach ministry, which includes a youth ministry program, senior citizens program, Christian education ministry and the Dexter/Metro Home Health Care Ministry, to name a few. The church also purchased a Medical Center at 3338 W. Davison, which housed dentists and physicians, as well as a low-income housing complex directly across the street from the church. Rev. Richard White, III, an outstanding pastor, has continued to grow the church, through the word of God, prayer, and love to people of all ages. Dexter Avenue Baptist Church has come this far by faith and continues to provide spiritual, educational, and economic nurturing for humanity. What a joy for one hundred years of service to God and the community! NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council and office of Council President Brenda Jones, wishes to congratulate the entire congregation of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church on this commemoration of their 100th Church Anniversary. May God continue to bless everyone in abundance!

Brenda Jones
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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James Tate
COUNCIL MEMBER

March 10, 2019

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DETROIT CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION
In Memoriam
HOWARD ECHOLS III

WHEREAS, Howard Echols III was born on December 18, 1939, in Detroit, Michigan, to the union of Lucille Mitchell and Howard Echols Jr. Howard was the second oldest of four siblings. His parents and two of his siblings, Donald Mitchell and Glenn Echols preceded him in death; and

WHEREAS, Howard received his adolescent education in the Detroit Public Schools system. He attended Washington Elementary, Cleveland Middle School and graduated from Pershing High School (home of the Doughboys) in 1957. His Christian experience began at an early age at Green Grove Baptist Church, where he attended worship services with his beloved grandmother. Later in life, Howard moved his membership to Davison Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Pastor G. Louis Randolph. In 1961, he was baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; and

WHEREAS, During grade school, Howard met Merci Small. Little did he know that he had met the girl of his dreams, the love of his life, his future wife and the mother of his beloved children. They were inseparable throughout their childhood and adult life. On July 2, 1960, Howard and Merci, his queen and helpmate were united in Holy Matrimony. To this union they were blessed with two children, a beautiful daughter, Angela and a handsome son, Terrance. The couple raised their children in Detroit, Michigan. They enjoyed a very fulfilling life as one, worshipping in church, working together, traveling, attending social affairs, and always sharing the love that they had for each other; and

WHEREAS, In 1961, Howard accepted employment with Ford Motor Company. He worked in the area of skilled trades at the Ford Rawsonville Plant in Ypsilanti, Michigan. After 42 1/2 years of dedicated service and a prosperous career, he retired in 2004. After retirement, Howard exercised his civic duty and became very active in the community. He was a faithful President of the Fenelon, Conley, and Keystone Block Club on the Northeast side of Detroit. Howard was a tireless advocate for the community and wanted to have safety measures that would ensure the protection of the elders and children, and enhance the quality of life in his neighborhood. He was passionate about the city he loved so much. He never minced his words with political leaders, holding them accountable to do what they said they were going to do, and to be truthful and transparent! Howard enjoyed being an active member of the Davison Old Timers Club. At Davison Missionary Baptist Church, he was a devoted member and served on the trustee board, usher board and provided security. Howard even shared his culinary skills with the kitchen ministry; and

WHEREAS, Howard was a great husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend to many. He never despaired if what he had given to others was not reciprocated in return. In fact, his philosophical belief was to "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." On March 6, 2019, God called Howard to a peaceful community in Heaven. His wish was that we celebrate his life rather than mourn. Howard loved the life he lived and lived the life he loved, having 58 blissful years with his wife "Mert" as he affectionately called her. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council and office of Council President Brenda Jones, hereby expresses condolences and joins with family and friends in honoring the memory of Howard Echols III. He will be greatly missed.

Handwritten signatures of Council members and Council President Brenda Jones, with printed names and titles below each signature.

March 15, 2019
DATE