

5/28/19

**TESTIMONIAL
RESOLUTIONS
AND SPECIAL
PRIVILEGE**

Testimonial Resolution for Secondary Street Name in Honor of *Rev. Dr. Everett N. Jennings, Sr.*
New Providence Baptist Church Intersection of Plymouth Road and Southfield Fwy. Service Drive
 Submitted by Councilman Gabe Leland

- WHEREAS** Rev. Dr. Everett N. Jennings, Sr. has been bestowed a high honor of having the intersection of Plymouth Road and Southfield Freeway Service Drive named as a secondary street. This dedication is historic and such a momentous occasion as we celebrate on behalf of New Providence Baptist Church; **and**
- WHEREAS** Rev. Dr. Jennings Sr. has served admirably for 31 years as the pastor of New Providence Baptist Church, which is located at the intersection of Plymouth Road and Southfield Freeway Service Drive and is historically a significant milestone being the location of the ministry for any good works carried out under his leadership; **and**
- WHEREAS** Dr. E. N. Jennings, Sr. has gone above and beyond what is expected by partnering with the Detroit Public Schools Community District to provide a location for the Detroit Innovation Academy K-8 School. For feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and providing shelter to those in need is a part of a church's mandate; **and**
- WHEREAS** Dr. E. N. Jennings, Sr. has been a leader to thousands of lives of residents within the City of Detroit have been touched through his personal giving as well as that of his congregation, whom on a monthly bases contribute to Alternative for Girls, American Heart Association, Angel House, Autism Speaks, Black Family Development, Bridges to Hope Program, Capuchin Kitchen, Children's Hospital of Michigan, COTS, Covenant House, Detroit Rescue Mission, Department of Human Services, Focus HOPE, Forgotten Harvest, The Guidance Center, Habitat for Humanity, Harford Rehabilitation Center, Henry Ford Village Nursing Home, Mariners Inn, Matrix Human Services, New Day Mission, Operation Get Down, Ronald McDonald House, Salvation Army, Sound Mind Sound Body (Youth Football), Starfish Youth Shelter and Turning Point Agency West Wayne Family Services. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED** That Councilman Gabe Leland and Members of the Detroit City Council share in this historic milestone for Dr. E. N. Jennings, Sr., Pastor of New Providence Baptist Church in the celebration of his noteworthy achievements as the intersection of Plymouth Road and Southfield Freeway Service Drive be assigned the secondary street name *"Dr. E. N. Jennings Road"*.

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Testimonial Resolution In Memoriam for Willie Turner, Jr. November 30, 1923 - May 7, 2019

Submitted by Councilman Gabe Leland

WHEREAS Willie Turner, Jr. was born to the late Willie Turner, Sr. and Ella Hicks in Midville, Georgia, and was the second child born to this union. Willie was also preceded by both his siblings in death, his older brother Charles Byrd Corker and his younger sister, Ruby Harmon-Harris; **and**

WHEREAS Willie was affectionately known as Son, Slim, or Turner depending on the company he was in. In 1940, with just \$10 to his name, Willie joined the Great Migration and left Georgia headed to Detroit, MI. Willie landed on the doorstep of a boarding house on Detroit's eastside; in the renowned community, Black Bottom. After settling in Detroit, Willie worked various jobs to make ends meet. He landed employment as a welder with Kelsey-Hayes, Massey Ferguson, and finally, Ford Motor Company. He retired from Ford after 25 years of service in 1997. He never missed a single day's work in 25 years. Willie was a recipient of Ford's Perfect Attendance Award; **and**

WHEREAS Willie met the love of his life, Dorothy Bagwell, while visiting friends in Ferndale, MI. Willie loved and adored Dorothy and they were wed in holy matrimony on October 23, 1954. They were married for 51 years until her death in July 2005. To this union two sons were born, Marcus and Darryl. Willie and Dorothy were loving parents and provided a warm and loving home for their children. The Turner home was one of the staples of the Collingwood community. Willie and Dorothy joined Detroit's Oak Grove AME Church in 1955 and attended regularly until health impeded their ability to worship; **and**

WHEREAS Willie had an entrepreneurial spirit. In 1962, using his own muscle and grit, he built and operated his own gas station. The station was located in Sumpter Township, at the corner of Sumpter and Oakville Waltz Roads. This was a significant accomplishment for a black man with limited financial means, but plenty of determination; **and**

WHEREAS Willie made his transition on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, peacefully at Cedar Woods Assisted Living facility in Belleville, MI, near his beloved family. He leaves to cherish his memory, his beloved sons Marcus (Angela) and Darryl; grandchildren Marcal, Mia, Mycah, Jesia, Devon and Ladonna; great granddaughter Tayla, a special niece Marjorie Stevens and his Collingwood Family. **NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE**

RESOLVED That Councilman Gabe Leland and Members of Detroit City Council hereby join family and friends in celebrating the life and legacy of *Willie Turner, Jr.* May the memories of his love, faith, and hard work be cherished always and continue to fill the hearts of his many love ones.

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