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**TESTIMONIAL
RESOLUTIONS
AND SPECIAL
PRIVILEGE**

Testimonial Resolution

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MARY FRANCES ALMON-JAMES

WHEREAS, Mary Frances Almon-James was born in Tallapoosa, Georgia on September 17, 1951, to the late Deacon James Roosevelt Almon Sr. and Mary Magdalene Almon. They moved north in 1955 and resided in Highland Park, Michigan. She attended Highland Park Public Schools and furthered her education by obtaining the following degrees: Bachelors of Science in Secondary Education from Wayne State University, Masters of Arts in Educational Leadership, and an Ed Specialist Degree from Marygrove College; **and**









WHEREAS, Mary James had a very accomplished resume, working for the Detroit Public School System for 25 years with a very thriving career; implementing the very first Jostens mathematics technology lab in the Detroit Public School System and being known throughout the district to achieve remarkable improvements in student achievement. These achievements were shown time and time again as she shared her talents as a curriculum leader and department head within other DPS schools. Mary was also a long serving administrator in DPS, and previously served as a board member of OSAS; **and**

WHEREAS, After accomplishing these achievements, Mary decided to retire from Detroit Public Schools in 2005. She took this time to focus on the first and biggest entrepreneurial success of her life: EduTech Tutorial Services. EduTech Tutorial Services served low income, at-risk, youth, where she was innovative in creating fool-proof curriculums to improve Detroit students standardized test scores. For the 12 years that the company was in operation, it expanded from Michigan to Georgia and Mississippi. She was committed in finding innovative programs to make learning fun and memorable for children, even becoming a certified Cognitive Therapy Specialist to train children diagnosed with the ADD and ADHD diagnosis. EduTech Tutorial Services gave Mary the opportunity to touch many lives, hire Detroit residents, mentor young entrepreneurs, touch her community, support families and charitable causes to better the lives of over 12,000 children between 3 different states; **and**

WHEREAS, Mary also went on to successfully run other businesses along with mentoring and helping young entrepreneurs start and/or grow their own businesses. Mary was the biggest consultant and sponsor for her daughters' business; The Cochrane House Luxury Historic Inn. She was key in helping them grow and develop into successful entrepreneurs; guiding her oldest daughter to accomplishing her goal of being an attorney, and developing her youngest daughter into a serial entrepreneur. Mary left a legacy in life through her children that cannot be duplicated or replicated. Her job is complete, and the Lord has said, "Job well done." **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the **DETROIT CITY COUNCIL** and office of **COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE MARY SHEFFIELD**, wishes to take this opportunity to honor and recognize **MARY FRANCES ALMON-JAMES** for her remarkable work in her community and in the City of Detroit.

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May 22, 2019

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RESOLUTION
In Memoriam

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ELIZABETH CANDICE NIKOLE LAIRD

April 9, 1992 – May 14, 2019

- WHEREAS,** Elizabeth Candice Nikole Laird was born on April 9th 1992. She attended Detroit Public Schools. She graduated from Southeastern High School in 2010; **and**
- WHEREAS,** Elizabeth was passionate about becoming a nurse to help and heal those that were ill. She had started her journey in the medical field by completing a Surgical Tech program at Abcott Institute of Southfield, Michigan; **and**
- WHEREAS,** In her free time she loved to do makeup, travel, go to amusement parks, and plant flowers. She also had a love for animals. Elizabeth Candice was a very bright and beautiful young lady who had many aspirations for her life. Liz loved her family and friends and they all loved her. Elizabeth leaves behind a village of those who loved her to always remember her joy for life, her smile, and the memories that will last forever. Leo Buscaglia once wrote, "I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love." **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED,** That the DETROIT CITY COUNCIL and office of COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE MARY SHEFFIELD, wishes to take this resolution endure as a permanent record of sympathy and compassion and that a suitably-enrolled copy be presented to the family of **ELIZABETH CANDICE NIKOLE LAIRD.**

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