

VOTE
7/2/19

**TESTIMONIAL
RESOLUTIONS
AND SPECIAL
PRIVILEGE**

James A. Buri

Retired DPS Educator, Administrator & DAPCEP Director

WHEREAS the members of the Detroit City Council are delighted to honor an outstanding educator for his leadership and dedication to our students in the City of Detroit; **and**

WHEREAS James A. Buri grew up in Royal Oak, MI and attended Royal Oak Public Schools. He went on to further his education by graduating from Albion College with a BA in Economics, received his master's degree in Elementary Education and Teaching from Oakland University and attended U of D Mercy where he earned an Education Specialist Degree in Urban Education & Leadership; **and**

WHEREAS after serving two years in the National Teacher Corps, James returned to his native Detroit community and his passion with elementary school science began. His 36 years of serving our DPS students took him from Science Teacher to Science Specialist to Assistant Principal and finally Program Director of DAPCEP; **and**

WHEREAS through his tireless commitment and outstanding service to so many students, James has mentored, encouraged and helped to change numerous lives; **and**

WHEREAS James A. Buri has received many educational awards and recognitions, his kindness, energy, graciousness and genuine love for his students has enriched those fortunate enough to know and be taught by him; **THEREFORE, LET IT BE**

RESOLVED that Councilwoman Janee' L. Ayers and the entire Detroit City Council express our sincere appreciation and joins in honoring James for his devotion and positive impact on our youth. He is truly one of Detroit's finest treasures.

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June 28, 2019
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Testimonial Resolution

John Treanor

Retired, City of Detroit, 1987 -2019

WHEREAS:

John Treanor was born on May 2, 1957 to Irish immigrant parents, John and Kathleen Treanor in Detroit, Michigan. He grew up on the west side of Detroit near Joy and Evergreen as the second of seven kids. In 1978, he married Cathy, and later that year, he graduated from Schoolcraft College. They settled in the Detroit neighborhood of Warrendale, and lived there until 1995, when the family moved to Dearborn. He and Cathy have four children: Bianca, Keith, Carla and John, and five grandchildren: Lukas, Nolan, Rory, Alex and Mia; *and*

WHEREAS:

In 1987, **John** began working for the City of Detroit Department of Buildings and Safety as a housing inspector, and eventually moved on to be a Dangerous Building Inspector. Over the years, **John** developed great enthusiasm for the rebirth of Detroit. Despite the negative reputation of some of Detroit's neighborhoods, **John** never had much fear heading into them. **John** built relationships with those living and doing business in his assigned neighborhoods. He cared very much about removing blight, with the hope of helping businesses and families thrive in the city; *and*

WHEREAS:

John has always been proud of his Detroit roots, with many fond memories growing up in his Detroit neighborhood and raising his children in Warrendale. Even though John and Cathy no longer live in Detroit, they still spend quite a bit of their free time here supporting business and events in the city; *and*

WHEREAS:

John worked hard to support his family, he also spent quality time with them on family vacations, making sure they had memorable trips. John is always up for an adventure. He enjoys scuba diving, camping, racquetball, bike riding and gardening. He is known to spontaneously drop by to pick up his grandchild for a bike ride, or to check on their plants in the garden. He loves to take his grandchildren on outdoor adventures; *and*

WHEREAS:

John Treanor retired from the City of Detroit in the Spring of 2019. He will certainly be spending more time with his treasured grandchildren and they can't wait to spend extra time with their "Poppy". While he has many things to look forward to in retirement, it is no doubt bittersweet for him to say goodbye to his co-workers and his daily route through the neighborhoods of Detroit that has been a part of his life for the last 32 years. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED:

Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López and her colleagues on the Detroit City Council congratulates **John Treanor** as he closes the door on **thirty-two years** of dedicated service to the citizens of Detroit and begins phase two of a life we are sure to be full of adventure and purpose. Thank you **John Treanor** for your **thirty-two years** of dedication, community engagement and service to the city of Detroit.

Brenda Jones
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Raquel Castañeda-López
COUNCIL MEMBER

June 29, 2019
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Testimonial Resolution

Mrs. Susan K. Alexander

Executive /Artistic Director of Higher Praise Dance Academy

- WHEREAS: Mrs. Susan K. Alexander has been married to Ronald Alexander for eleven years and to this union was born one daughter, Sandria Rush, two stepchildren, Alex, and Ryan Alexander and one Grandson, Brandon Rush, II. She worked for the City of Detroit, retiring in 2006. She attended Jubilee City Church in Westland, MI; AND
WHEREAS: Mrs. Susan K. Alexander received her BBA in Business Administration from Davenport University, attended Marygrove College in Detroit, MI, where she received ten years of Professional Dance training, she also received Biblical "Layman Training" from Word of Faith Christian Center in Southfield, MI and was Certified as a Dance Minister through the Eagles International Training Institute; AND
WHEREAS: Mrs. Susan K. Alexander is the Author of the Book "How to Develop a Powerful Dance Ministry" and an instructor of the course "How to Develop a Powerful Dance Ministry" and author of the Charm School Manual called "I am a Beautiful Girl" and an instructor of the Charm School course for young girls; AND
WHEREAS: Mrs. Susan K. Alexander, has conducted monthly Youth Workshops for teenage boys and girls. Mrs. Alexander has been the church dance instructor of Praise, along with her daughter Sandria as Co-Director, for all ages since 1997, and has facilitated and organized annual Dance Recitals and Workshops since 1998; AND
WHEREAS: Mrs. Susan K. Alexander, is the recipient of the Religious Medal of Honor Award through Destiny Christian and the Life Changers Christian Arts Award. She has Co-Chaired the National Liturgical Dance Network in Detroit and served as Director of Higher Praise Worship Ministries Board of Directors.
WHEREAS: Mrs. Susan K. Alexander has been the Executive/Artistic Director of Higher Praise Dance Academy for twenty-five years; NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE
RESOLVED: That Council Member Roy McCalister Jr., and the entire Detroit City Council honors Mrs. Susan K. Alexander with this Testimonial Resolution.



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June 30, 2019

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Testimonial Resolution

Mr. Damion Jackson

WHEREAS: Mr. Damion Jackson a former graduate of Detroit Mackenzie High School has reinvested in continuing the rich legacy of Mackenzie High School and the City of Detroit as the most creative Detroit Public School Alumni Association President to date, AND

WHEREAS: Mr. Damion Jackson attended Lane College and Marygrove College (where he earned a Master's Degree in Reading & Literacy) after earning a Bachelor's Degree in English at Lane College. From designing and running educational programming focused on Detroit area youth, serving as a long term substitute educator for the Detroit Public Schools, a College Entrance Exam expert, a tutor creating an effective family guide for educational career planning, helping families to developed strategic plans for attaining admissions to a two or four-year college or university or post-secondary trade school, to displaying unique entrepreneurship skills that youth can model.

WHEREAS: Whatever, Mr. Damion Jackson does it's done with flair and a high level of integrity and excellence, AND

WHEREAS: As a Mackenzie High School Alumni Association President, Mr. Damion Jackson has revolutionized the position and role where his gifts are used to mobilize not only former Mackenzie High School students but a broad perspective of former Detroit Public School student-athletes and educators; NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE

RESOLVED: That Council Member Roy McCalister Jr., and the entire Detroit City Council join together in Honoring Mr. Damion Jackson with this Testimonial Resolution. Thank you for your passion and dedication to helping the Students of the City Detroit.

Signatures of Council Members: Mary Sheffield, Brenda Jones (President), James B. ... (Council Member), Scott Ben ... (Council Member), Raquel Castañeda-López (Council Member), Debra DeL ... (Council Member), ... (Council Member), ... (Council Member), ... (Council Member).

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