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**TESTIMONIAL
RESOLUTIONS
AND SPECIAL
PRIVILEGE**

Testimonial Resolution

37th Annual Metro Detroit Youth Day

Whereas, On Wednesday, July 10, 2019, the **37th Annual Metro Detroit Youth Day**, will be held at Belle Isle Park in the City of Detroit. Metro Detroit Youth Day, the largest youth event in Michigan, has drawn over 1 million youngsters since its inception. **Metro Detroit Youth Day** is a great way to channel children's energies in a positive and constructive setting. Youngsters look forward to **Metro Detroit Youth Day** each year; **and**

Whereas, This event united the community and brought peace and tranquility to Detroit following altercations in 1980 between youth and area retailers on Livernois Ave. between Six and Seven Mile Roads. Then-Mayor Coleman A. Young met with community leaders to calm tensions and asked Ed Deeb to work with retailers to "do something to help resolve the problem." Mr. Deeb did so and urged the retailers to be more sensitive to customers. Metro Youth Day was formed with the original goal of fostering goodwill and harmony. But, in 1991, Metro Youth Day became more than fun and games. It was expanded to include youth guidance, mentors, role models, anti-substance abuse activity, motivational speakers, entertainment, and awarding college scholarships -- beginning with two given out the first year. They now average more than 120 scholarships yearly and honor outstanding students for academic excellence and community service. Sports stars, government officials, College Row, media celebrities and others attend the event and provide upbeat messages and encouragement to the youth; **and**



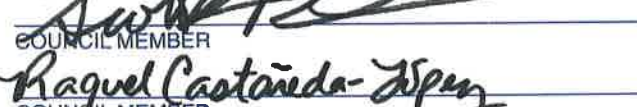

Whereas, **Metro Detroit Youth Day** has grown annually. It takes more than 1,800 volunteers to supervise the sports clinics, games, contests, luncheon, and various other activities held at this exciting event. The **Metro Detroit Youth Day** event has received countless honors and proclamations from all areas of our state and nation. Since 1991, more than 2,000 scholarships have been awarded to graduating high school seniors in metropolitan Detroit; **and**





Whereas, **Metro Detroit Youth Day** is a special day of games, fun, sports clinics, entertainment, and motivational speakers. It emphasizes the need for physical education, fitness, good sportsmanship, community service, college scholarships, role models, and guidance from mentors. It has been acknowledged that our youth are a valuable asset to our communities and the foundation of our future. **Metro Detroit Youth Day** brings together the total community and the private sector to enhance relationships, and improve community cooperation and harmony; **and**

Whereas, Numerous corporations, community groups, and institutions of higher education have demonstrated their belief in and support of Metro Detroit's youth by sponsoring the Metro Detroit Youth Day. These outstanding and dedicated leaders shown that they know the children really are our future. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

Resolved, That the **Detroit City Council** and office of **Council President Brenda Jones** do hereby support the **37th Annual Metro Detroit Youth Day** event. Each year **Metro Detroit Youth Day** gets better and the 2019 event will be no exception.


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Testimonial Resolution

Walter Douglas Hackel







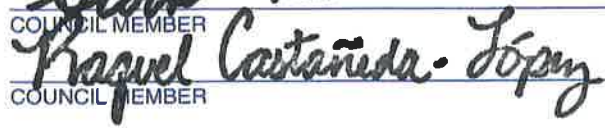

WHEREAS **Walter Douglas Hackel**, was born on Independence Day, July 4, 1939, the middle son of Walter and Loise Hackel in Detroit, Michigan. He grew up in Detroit and attended the Detroit Public Schools. **Walter Douglas Hackel**, was a champion swimmer who won all of the swimming meets at the Balch Recreation Center, and also at his junior and high schools swimming meets; and

WHEREAS **Walter Douglas Hackel**, married his high school sweetheart, Hester Yvonne Johnson, in 1955, before going off to serve in the United States Air Force in 1956. He selected to work in communications as a member of the Secret Service. He was a radio operator during his deployments at Karamursel Air Force Base near Istanbul, Turkey, and had crucial moments during the early 1960's when the Cuban Missile Crisis occurred, where his bravery was tested; and

WHEREAS **Walter Douglas Hackel**, having served eight years in the United States Air Force, was honorably discharged in 1964 and returned home where he was hired as a General Foreman, and became one of the first African-American white-collar worker at Chrysler Corporation. After an early retirement from Chrysler, he realized his entrepreneurial dreams by owning and operating a maintenance company and pursued his leisure lifestyle by becoming an avid golfer, who not only enjoyed playing the game, but was financially rewarded; and

WHEREAS **Walter Douglas Hackel**, is the Patriarch of five generations. His achievements, strong civic and military image, and his undying devotion to his community are forever appreciated. He is a shining example of the power of love and compassion. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED That the **Detroit City Council, Office of Council President Brenda Jones** along with **family and friends** would like to take this time to honor **Walter Douglas Hackel**. May God continue to bless him in abundance!

	
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Testimonial Resolution

In Memoriam

LEE A. IACOCCA

Whereas Lido Anthony "Lee" Iacocca was born in Allentown, Pennsylvania on October 15, 1924 to the late Nicola Iacocca and Antonietta Perrotta. Lee graduated with honors from Allentown High School in 1942 and Lehigh University, with a degree in industrial engineering. After graduating from Lehigh, Lee was awarded the Wallace Memorial Fellowship, sending him to Princeton University where he earned a master's degree in engineering; **and**

Whereas Upon graduation from Princeton, Lee's automotive career began at Ford Motor Company in August 1946 as an engineer. The ambitious Iacocca was transferred to sales and marketing, where he quickly rose through the ranks. He became vice-president and General Manager of Ford Division in 1960 and, ten years later, was appointed President of Ford Motor Company. Iacocca had a great impact at Ford, known as "The Father of the Mustang", he brought the world-famous line to market, along with the Continental Mark III and the Ford Escort. The visionary Iacocca forecasted the need for small, fuel-efficient vehicles and became the moving force behind the Ford Pinto. A strong-willed leader, Iacocca frequently clashed with Ford Chairman Henry Ford II. He was fired in July 1978, despite the company posting a \$2B profit for the year; **and**

Whereas Iacocca was courted by the struggling Chrysler Corporation. Never one to back down from a challenge, Iacocca accepted and began to restructure the company. Bringing in seasoned associates from Ford, Iacocca launched a series of products he previously tried to produce, most namely the "Mini-Max" minivan and the small, affordable K-car. Iacocca realized Chrysler needed an influx of cash to continue operations or the company would fold. In an unprecedented move, he appealed to the U.S. Congress for a loan bailout. Due to his manufacturing experience, automotive reputation and leadership confidence, he was able to negotiate a deal and keep the company afloat. The Iacocca-led resurgence resulted in the loan being repaid seven years before it was due. At the height of his career in the 1980's, Iacocca was arguably the best-known businessman in the nation. He became characterized by the marketing slogan, "If you can find a better car, buy it!" He retired as President and CEO/Chairman of Chrysler in 1992; **and**


Whereas Still yearning to have an impact on the business world, Iacocca joined the board of MGM Grand and founded Olivio Premium Products in 1993. In 1995, Iacocca joined the board of Koo Koo Roo, leading a merger with Chi Chi's and El Torito's restaurants. In 1999, he became the head of EV Global Motors, a company formed to create electric bicycles. Iacocca authored three books during his business career, *Iacocca: An Autobiography* (co-authored with William Novak), *Talking Straight* (co-authored with Sonny Kleinfeld) and *Where Have All the Leaders Gone* (co-authored with Catherine Whitney). He was appointed by President Ronald Reagan to lead the board of the Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island and its restoration project. He was an advocate and fundraiser for numerous charities and foundations; **and**

Whereas Iacocca was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mary. She was the love of his life and Lee was devastated when she succumbed to diabetes. Upon her death, Lee became an active supporter of diabetes research, founding the Iacocca Family Foundation with proceeds from his first book. Their union bore two daughters, Kathryn Iacocca Hentz (Ned Carlton) and Lia Iacocca Assad (Victor). He was also married two other times.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT


Resolved That the **Detroit City Council and the Office of Council President Brenda Jones**, hereby joins the Iacocca family, members of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, Ford Motor Company and all Detroiters in honoring the memory of Mr. Lee A. Iacocca, on Wednesday, July 10, 2019.




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Testimonial Resolution

Reverend Dr. Isaiah Tilmon, Jr. 25th Pastoral Anniversary










WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure and privilege that we, the members of the **Detroit City Council**, recognize and bestow honor upon **Reverend Dr. Isaiah Tilmon Jr.**, the Pastor of Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, as he celebrates his 25th Pastoral Anniversary; **and**

WHEREAS, **Reverend Tilmon** is an anointed man of God. Through his years of preaching and pastoring, **Reverend Tilmon** has been a great inspiration to many and continues to be an avid supporter of the eastside community. He is actively engaged in community outreach and recruits members of his congregation every year to serve as volunteers to patrol the streets on Angel's Night to keep the community safe. On Halloween, Morning Star provides a Fun Night at the church for neighborhood children to keep them safe and off the streets. For several years, **Reverend Tilmon** has assisted Blue Cross/Blue Shield in distributing Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday food baskets to residents in need of support; **and**

WHEREAS, **Reverend Tilmon** does not hesitate to provide services for bereaved families, whether they are part of his congregation or not. He opens the church doors to let families have a place to hold funeral services for their loved ones and accommodates them for a repast dinner, when needed. **Reverend Tilmon** always makes himself available to unite couples in marriage or to facilitate ceremonies for families that want to dedicate their children and grandchildren to God. His work in the ministry has always gone beyond the walls of the church. After returning back home to Michigan from the seminary, **Reverend Tilmon** became a part of the city's Empowerment Zone committee in an attempt to help improve the community; **and**

WHEREAS, As a member of the clergy, **Reverend Tilmon** has executed many administrative and ministerial duties. He is also a mentor to many young pastors. **Reverend Tilmon** is a certified/licensed Drivers Education instructor and the owner of Holman Road Testing Services LLC. The business is certified and licensed by the state of Michigan. He is a member of the Westside Ministers Alliance of Detroit and the Council of Baptist Pastors of Detroit and Vicinity. **Reverend Dr. Isaiah Tilmon Jr.** is a man of great spiritual depth, faith and obedience who uses his gifts and talents to empower and encourage the people of God. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the **Detroit City Council** and office of Council President **Brenda Jones**, joins with family, friends and members to extend congratulations to **Reverend Dr. Isaiah Tilmon Jr.** on this momentous occasion celebrating his 25th Pastoral Anniversary.

		
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RESOLUTION

In Memoriam

Mr. Wilmer Otis "Pete" Wilson

WHEREAS, We, the members of the Detroit City Council, solemnly pause today to recognize and bestow homage upon the late, MR. WILMER OTIS "PETE" WILSON, who made his heavenly transition on June 23, 2019; and

WHEREAS, WILMER OTIS "PETE" WILSON was born on January 28, 1927, in Mocksville, North Carolina, to Annie Elizabeth and Daniel Raymond Wilson. He was the youngest of seven children. PETE accepted Christ as his savior at an early age. He received his adolescent education at the Davie County Training School in Mocksville. In 1945, PETE enlisted in the United States Army and received an honorable discharge. Following his military service, PETE returned to North Carolina and was able to get a job in the logging industry in the Mocksville area; and

WHEREAS, Following a brief courtship, PETE was united in marriage to Lois Gaither, the love of his life, on August 17, 1948. To this union, they were blessed with two children, a beautiful daughter, Gail Susan and a handsome son, Michael Anthony. In 1950, PETE and Lois relocated to Detroit, Michigan, to seek employment in the thriving automotive industry. PETE worked for the Chrysler Corporation, US Steel and Ellis Steel; and

WHEREAS, In 1992, PETE retired to enjoy spending more leisure time with his family and friends. His favorite past times were cooking, baking and gardening. Most of all, PETE enjoyed helping his Northwest Detroit neighbors with landscaping and using his snow blower to clear their sidewalks and driveways. On January 15, 2003, the Lord called home Lois, PETE'S soulmate. Following this life altering event, PETE moved to Ellis Manor Apartments, a senior living community in Detroit. He loved living there and looked forward to visits from family and friends. PETE participated in various activities with fellow residents and the staff, including prayer sessions, bible study classes and birthday socials. His daily activities kept his spirits high and his mind alert. PETE lived independently until April 23, 2019; and

WHEREAS, PETE was preceded in death by his loving and devoted wife of 54 years, Lois; a precocious infant son, Michael Anthony; a darling step-granddaughter, Joi Elane Turner; two sisters, Helen Turner and Hazel Wilson; and four brothers, Allen, Raymond, Glen and Jessie. PETE leaves to mourn and cherish his memory: a caring and devoted daughter, Gail Wilson Turner (Joseph); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, especially his Ellis Manor family. MR. WILMER OTIS "PETE" WILSON has been a good servant and ensured that his impact would be forever embedded in the hearts of those he cherished for years to come. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council and office of Council President Brenda Jones, hereby joins with family and friends to honor the life of MR. WILMER OTIS "PETE" WILSON. He will be greatly missed.

Handwritten signatures of Council members: Mary Sheffield, Gabe L. Sims, and Raquel Castañeda-López. Each signature is followed by a horizontal line and the text "COUNCIL MEMBER".

Handwritten signature of Brenda Jones, followed by a horizontal line and the text "COUNCIL PRESIDENT".

Handwritten signatures of Council members: Dabe DeLoe and Gabe L. Sims. Each signature is followed by a horizontal line and the text "COUNCIL MEMBER".

July 2, 2019
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