

**TESTIMONIAL
RESOLUTIONS
AND SPECIAL
PRIVILEGE**

Testimonial Resolution

Danielle D. Hughes Author, Entrepreneur, Mentor

WHEREAS,

Danielle D. Hughes is a native Detroiter determined to make her mark on the world, one young person at a time. Upon graduating with a B.A. in Journalism from Georgia State University, Danielle pledged to be the person she needed when she was younger. Daily, she makes it her mission to make an impact in the lives of Detroit's youth through her work as Dream Director with the Future Project. In this capacity, Danielle provides Detroit Public School students with mentorship, coaching, leadership and personal development skills to achieve their dreams by exposing them to life-enhancing opportunities. As Danielle realizes her dreams, she inspires young people by creatively directing and hosting her own vision board series in cities across the country; and

WHEREAS,

Due to her outstanding work in education, Danielle was named to the *Forbes 30 Under 30* 2018 list. She also has been honored as one of the most powerful women in Detroit by Walkers Legacy and named a 'Leader of Tomorrow' by Native Detroiter Magazine. She also is a member of the 2019 *Michigan Chronicle 40 Under 40* and was recognized as one of the most influential African Americans by The Root. Coupling her youth advocacy with contributions to women's empowerment campaigns, Danielle believes fearlessness, grace, tenacity and excellence are what makes women powerful; and

WHEREAS,

In June of 2019, Danielle released her debut book: *Always Make Your Bed: 7 Principles to Dream It, Do It & Get What You Want Out of Life*. In October 2019, the *Forbes 30 Under 30 Summit* was held in Detroit. They partnered with The Future Project, Detroit Public Schools Community District and the Boys & Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan to present the inaugural *Dreamers in Action* Day of Service. Under Danielle's direction, 150 DPSCD students experienced an immersive and interactive day of personal and professional growth while interacting with Forbes mentors. The day consisted of workshops surrounding financial literacy, leveraging social media wisely, entrepreneurship and dressing for success. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED,

That the Detroit City Council and Council President Brenda Jones recognize and commend Danielle D. Hughes for her efforts to make it possible for young people everywhere, especially in Detroit, to discover their passion, purpose, and ability to change the world.

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November 5, 2019

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Festimanial Resolution
Church of the Living God C.W.F.F., Temple #69
100th Anniversary Celebration ~ 1919 – 2019
“We’ve Come This Far by Faith”

WHEREAS,

the **Church of the Living God C.W.F.F., Temple #69**, has been serving communities on the east side of Detroit – preaching and teaching Christian stewardship, while nurturing the physical body, spirit and mind. In 1919, Bishop M. L. Gibson established Church of the Living God, C.W.F.F. Temple #69, in the 4th Episcopal Diocese in Detroit, Michigan. He organized the first service at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Green at 1965 Chestnut Street. Henry Gibbs and Olivia Hickman were the first persons to unite in this new mission. In this small but adequate Christian home, the Word of God provided light to guide their path and the love to inspire fellowship. As the church continued to grow, under the leadership of Bishop M.L. Gibson, it moved to 1944 Monroe Street. Because of the need for additional space, Bishop M.L. Gibson purchased 1830 Macomb Street. In 1946, the City of Detroit purchased the building at 1830 Macomb Street and the church was able to purchase a new edifice and parsonage at 3152 and 3156 Ardt Street; and

WHEREAS,

Church of the Living God C.W.F.F., Temple #69, experienced several changes in leadership. The Macomb Street pastors included Elder Daniel Buckner, Elder A.J. Moore, Elder Lee Anderson, Elder Henry Robertson, Elder J.J. Jackson, Elder C.R. Brown, and Elder J. McMillan, Elder Milton, and Overseer J.R. Gipson. Ardt Street pastors included Overseer J.R. Gipson, Elder A.D. West, Elder J. Tyler, and Bishop L.J. Collins. In 1961, Bishop Collins moved the church to its present edifice, 7053 Longyear. On December 3, 1961, **Church of the Living God C.W.F.F., Temple #69**, was dedicated. Valued at \$70,000, the mortgage burning took place in July 28, 1974. Elder Gary Ray was appointed pastor in 1979, and remained for four years. In 1983, Elder Davis L. Harrison was appointed pastor for 10 years until 1985. Elder Horace M. Robbins was appointed pastor in 1985 and served ten years. In September of 1995, Elder Jimmie Ward was appointed as pastor. During his tenure, he had an amazing relationship with the parishioners and the community. Elder Ward’s favorite saying was **“THIS IS A DAY WITH GREAT POSSIBILITIES”**. Under Elder Ward, the Grace Outreach Community Program; Unity in the Community Fun Day; the Feed, and Clothe the Community Program; as well as the Horace M. Robbins Scholarship Fund were established. Elder Jimmie Ward, Jr., resigned in 1998. Elder Jacquelyn F. Robbins picked up the torch to continue the mission. In April 1999, Bishop J.C. Hawkins appointed Elder Jacquelyn F. Robbins. Elder Robbins became the first woman to be appointed Pastor since the establishment of the church. Pastor Robbins appointed Elder Darrell Davis to the position of Assistant Pastor. All of them contributed much to the growth and life of the church; and

WHEREAS,

Pastor Robbins has allowed the Holy Spirit to guide and direct her in continuing the mission of Bishop M.L. Gibson. **Church of the Living God C.W.F.F., Temple #69**, has come this far by faith. Under Pastor Robbins’ leadership membership has increased and new ministries such as Leadership Class, Youth Bible Study, and Daughters Promising to Reign have been added. As the **Church of the Living God C.W.F.F., Temple #69**, celebrates its **100th Anniversary**, it has proven to be a fine religious institution that fulfills the vital task of ministering and helping to meet the needs of the community. The church continues to carry on the ministry of spreading The Good News. “The circle of life is still evolving today. What a joy it has been for these one hundred years of service to God and humanity.” **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED,

That the **Detroit City Council** and **Council President Brenda Jones** congratulate the **Church of the Living God C.W.F.F., Temple #69**, on the celebration of its milestone 100th Church Anniversary. May God continue to bless the church, pastor, and members in abundance!

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October 22, 2019

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*Testimonial Resolution***WEST SIDE UNITY CHURCH
55 YEARS OF TEACHING THE TRUTH****Whereas,**

West Side Unity Church is celebrating 55 years of service and ministry to the needs of God's People. They have been serving the Detroit west side community by preaching and teaching Christian stewardship, while nurturing the physical body, spirit and the mind. In 1964, **West Side Unity** was established with the founder, Reverend Ruth Mosley, along with five members of the Northend Study Group. Their first service was held at the Masonic Hal at 5040 Joy Road at Grand River. In 1971, Christ Unity Fellowship joined the **West Side Unity Church** family. Due to needing additional space, Rev. Ruth (as she was affectionately called) led the efforts for an expansion, moving to 4727 Joy Road at Broad Street. This site became the groundbreaking location of a three quarter of a million dollar new church facility constructed right next door to the original site; **and**

Whereas,

West Side Unity Church was the first Unity Church established in the state of Michigan to train and develop Black licensed teachers for spiritual development. During the 70's, Rev. Ruth trained local ministerial students, which laid the foundation for the Unity Urban Ministerial School (formally founded in 1980). The continued growth of **West Side Unity Church** was far reaching. *The Moment of Truth Outreach* was implemented in 1977 and the church's first television broadcast was featured in 1978. The church has many ways to keep members and community involved: *Lessons in Truth*, *12 Powers of Man*, *Keep a True Lent*, prosperity workshops, treasure-mapping, healing, a 24 hour prayer line, weekly Bible Study, and Vacation Bible School; **and**

Whereas,

Although **West Side Unity Church** continued to fight dismal racism within the Unity Worldwide Ministries, the church continued to thrive over the last 55 years. Many Unity ministers have been trained to serve the urban community. The church membership continues to be "Christ Controlled and God Directed" in spreading the mission of the Truth of God's goodness. **West Side Unity** has come this far by faith. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

Resolved,

That the **Detroit City Council** and **Council President Brenda Jones** congratulate **West Side Unity Baptist Church** on the celebration of its 55th Church Anniversary. May God continue to bless everyone in abundance.

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November 15, 2019

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DETROIT CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

In Memoriam



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
Zebedee Bishop

WHEREAS

We, the members of the Detroit City Council solemnly pause today to recognize and bestow homage upon the late, Zebedee Bishop; and

WHEREAS

Zebedee Bishop was born on November 16, 1930, to the late Jessie Bishop and the late Jannie Bishop. He accepted Christ in baptism at an early age. Zebedee Bishop attended the Highland Park and Detroit Public School systems, graduating from Central High School in 1948. He held various employment during his early adulthood. However, after earning his Bachelor of Arts in 1969 and Master of Arts in 1970 from the University of Detroit, he began his career as a clinical psychologist. He was the head of the substance abuse program at the former Metropolitan Hospital in Detroit until his retirement from his secular working career in the mid-1980's; and

WHEREAS

The shining jewel in Zebedee Bishop's crown was his labor and ministry with the Churches of Christ, both in the Metro-Detroit area and across the United States. His work in the ministry began after earning his certificate in Advanced Bible Study from the American Bible School in 1956. His first assignment as a minister was at the Westside Church of Christ in Detroit. He later served as minister at the Adams Street Church of Christ in Jackson, Michigan. He then served as minister at Ford Avenue Church of Christ in Detroit, Michigan, until it was decided to plant a congregation in the Eight Mile area of Detroit. That congregation was the Wyoming Avenue Church of Christ and Zebedee Bishop served as the first minister from 1966 until 1972, when he returned to the Ford Avenue Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS

Zebedee Bishop had a vision to build a new, larger facility for the Ford Avenue congregation and spearheaded a drive among the members to raise funds for a new building. The vision came to reality in 1975, when the church broke ground on the corner of Linwood and Fleet Street. One year later in 1976, the members marched from the old location on Ford Avenue to the new building that is now known as Linwood Church of Christ. He labored at Linwood Church of Christ until his retirement from the ministry in 1997; and

WHEREAS

Zebedee Bishop was a renowned orator and speaker across the Brotherhood. He was known for being spiritually profound and prolific in the scriptures. For more than sixty years, he shared his life with the late Madora Bishop. To their union three children were born: twin sons Eric Zebedee Bishop Sr. and Errol James Bishop, both of whom preceded him in death, and daughter Ponya Madora Bishop. Zebedee Bishop will forever be missed. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED

That the Detroit City Council and Office of Council President Brenda Jones recognize the remarkable life and legacy of Zebedee Bishop, a life that was well lived. May we continue to always remember and honor him.

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November 9, 2019

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DETROIT CITY COUNCIL

Testimonial Resolution

Celebrating the Life of Johnnie Mae Bailey on her "90th Birthday."

WHEREAS:

Johnnie Beatrice Pitts was born in Birmingham, Alabama, on November 23rd, 1929, to Wilburn and Roosevelt Pitts. She was the youngest of three children and had two brothers—Roosevelt and Robert. After the death of her Dad and brother Robert, her oldest brother Roosevelt known affectionately as Uncle Tommy joined the Service. Johnnie and her Mom moved to Pittsburgh Pennsylvania where her brother relocated after serving in the U.S. Navy; **AND**

WHEREAS:

Even as a youngster, Johnnie's empathy for others was obvious. Her warm personality and outgoing nature drew people towards her, and she never disappointed in being a good friend to so many. Johnnie attended Schennely High School, located in Pittsburgh's Hill District, where she excelled in sewing and tailoring, a passion she had since she was a child. As a young adult, Johnnie gravitated to Jazz and was a regular at the famous Pittsburgh jazz lounge called "Crawford Grill."; **AND**

WHEREAS:

Included in her group of friends who she hung out with as a young adult was a young ballplayer who played for the Pittsburgh Pirates at the time, and his name was Roberto Clemente. They were just friends, but if Roberto had his way, it could have been different. Johnnie was a beautiful young lady with style and grace and a body that most would admire; **AND**

WHEREAS:

In 1949, Johnnie married Odell Bailey, and they had 3 children Malikka (Debbie), Garner, and Odell. However, shortly after her marriage, her mother was stricken by a major stroke that had her bedridden and paralyzed on the left side. The doctors told Johnnie to put her Mother in a nursing facility as she would never be able to be self-sufficient. Johnnie ignored the doctors' recommendation and personally nursed her Mother back to health. This began her life-long role as a caregiver, and she was very good at it taking care of her Mom until the end of her life in 1994; **AND**

WHEREAS:

Her husband was in the music business, and Johnnie ran the household while he was off nearly every weekend pursuing his life's passion as a record label owner, publisher, producer, writer, arranger, and a record store owner. Together they were a dynamic couple and respected in the community for their drive and achievements. Johnnie's sewing abilities were second to none, and she sought out to make wedding gowns and prom dresses and was the family tailor for any and all alterations; **AND**

WHEREAS:

Known for her excellent cooking skills, Johnnie's rolls were beyond compare. She had a knack for trying new dishes and would plan her family's dinners a week in advance. Her children would be the first to attest to her prowess in the kitchen. Dinners were never bland or predictable. Even the desserts were special and varied from pineapple coconut, and strawberry icebox cakes, strawberry, sweet potato, and lemon moraine pies were also a family favorite; **AND**

WHEREAS:

As a member of the Pittsburgh Sewing Club Society, Johnnie excelled when it was her turn to host the annual dinner party for the sewing club. She decorated the home so beautifully and prepared dishes that tasted great and were presented like a five-star restaurant. It was a festive time for all, but no one was happier than her three kids who got to eat the leftovers and try all the dishes made, especially for this event. Johnnie also found time to collect for the March of Dimes annually and ultimately became the neighborhood caretaker as she would help young mothers and others in need. There was no end to her compassion; **AND**

WHEREAS:

After moving to Northwest Detroit in the early 1970s, Johnnie stayed active and was totally committed to her family and continued to do whatever was required to make sure her husband and children received the greatest of care, love, and attention. She supported her husband throughout his entire career and even co-wrote a song with him that was recorded and released as "Traveling on God's Highway."; **AND**

WHEREAS:

Johnnie and her Husband joined Henderson Memorial Methodist Church in the late 1980s, where she met her close friend and running buddy Willowdean Harris. Together they prepared and served most of the church meals for Henderson, and when the church closed, they moved on to Calvary United Methodist Church in Detroit under the leadership of Pastor Wil, where they continued to be good servants for the lord. Johnnie recently lost Willowdean, making life a little more challenging. The two were inseparable, dressed to the nines, and making their way around the City. She will truly miss her good friend and cherishes the memories of their travels and time together; **AND**

WHEREAS:

In 1999, she celebrated 50 years of marriage with her beloved husband, surrounded by family and loved ones. Although her husband passed in 2004, Johnnie continued her role as the Family Matriarch and the glue that holds the family together. She loves her family more than anything and has shown that love for years by preparing Holiday meals and hosting family gatherings. She never forgets to send a birthday or sympathy card for family, friends, and associates. Her thoughtfulness is unmatched. Even at the young age of 90, Johnnie will try a new dish and is still the best cook in the family; **AND**

WHEREAS:

Johnnie is blessed with 3 children, 9 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and 2 Great Great grandchildren and beloved nephew and niece. She is loved and admired by so many relatives, friends, and neighbors. God Bless her for being a beloved daughter, wife, sister, mother, grandmother, aunt, friend, and advisor. Please join me in acknowledging our beloved Johnnie Mae Bailey on being a person we can all admire and reaching this significant life milestone of 90 years old, **NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE**

RESOLVED:

That Council Member Roy McCalister Jr., and the entire Detroit City Council, join with Family and Friends in Celebrating the 90th Birthday of Johnnie Mae Bailey.

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November 27, 2019

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