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November 5, 2019*

**TESTIMONIAL  
RESOLUTIONS  
AND SPECIAL  
PRIVILEGE**

# Testimonial Resolution

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## George Daniel Arnold 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

- WHEREAS:** **George Daniel Arnold** was born **November 5, 1919** in Reidsville, Georgia to Joseph James, a Baptist minister, and Susie Snell Arnold. George was the youngest of ten; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The Arnold family valued education. **George** and his siblings were expected to do the best they could in school. All of his siblings were trained in skilled professions. **George** graduated from Dorchester Academy where he received training as a plasterer; *and*
- WHEREAS:** **George** left home after graduation to practice his trade. During this time he met and married the late Margarette Hayes-Arnold. In 1943, the lure of better opportunities convinced him to join his brothers James, Pat and Smith in Detroit, Michigan; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Once in Detroit, he quickly became part of the community by joining Aijalon Baptist Church. He is one of Aijalon's longest serving ushers, sitting on the usher board to this day; *and*
- WHEREAS:** In 1943 he joined the King David Lodge and is still a dedicated member. He has earned many titles of distinction such as: 33<sup>rd</sup> degree Mason, Past Grand Lecturer, Worshipful Master, Shrines, and Knights of the Temple. His past and current positions include: Dean of the Most Worshipful Institute of Learning, which was renamed the George D. Arnold Institute of Learning in recognition of devoted service to his Masonic Brothers. As part of his continual service, **George** performs burial ceremonies in Detroit, Flint, Saginaw and Grand Rapids; *and*
- WHEREAS:** In 1950, he and his brother Smith started the **S & G Plastering Company** in Detroit continuing business until the 1990s. The establishment of this company helped him to be known to many throughout southeastern Michigan as the "Master Plasterer". When asked "What is the most important thing in you life?" he replies "family". The love **George** has for his family of 10 children, 20 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren and 12 great-great grandchildren speaks volumes. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED:** Council Member **Raquel Castañeda-López** and her colleagues on the **Detroit City Council** celebrate **100 years of life with George Daniel Arnold**, his family, friends and community. Wishing **George Daniel Arnold** many more years of good health, happiness, God's grace and perfect peace. **Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday!**

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November 2, 2019

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