

**TESTIMONIAL
RESOLUTIONS
AND SPECIAL
PRIVILEGE**

DETROIT CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION
In Memoriam

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BERTHA MAE BRAXTON

WHEREAS, We, the members of the **Detroit City Council**, join the family and friends of **BERTHA MAE BRAXTON** in honoring her life and legacy. **BERTHA MAE BRAXTON** made her heavenly transition on January 6, 2020. We pause to offer sincere condolences to her devoted son, Mr. Keefe L. Braxton; her god-children; adopted children and many other relatives and friends; **and**

WHEREAS, **BERTHA MAE BRAXTON** was born on January 9, 1942, in Detroit, Michigan. She started working at Chrysler in 1963 and was an active and faithful member of the United Automobile Workers (UAW) for thirty-two years. As a young woman in Detroit's famed Black Bottom community, **BERTHA** was a clothing designer, cosmetologist, and a striving entrepreneur. She was featured in Jet Magazine and the Pittsburgh Gazette as a model; **and**

WHEREAS, **BERTHA** raised one biological child and was a godmother and adopted mother to many. Mentoring her own child, Keefe Braxton, to obtain a Law Degree, Cosmetology Degree and Real Estate License, **BERTHA** also inspired many other youth around her to reach for the Stars. She was a hockey Mom and served as an active parent at the Jack Adams Ice Arena for many years helping to support and develop young Black hockey players. As the founding member of The Good Old Boys Social and Civic Club, **BERTHA** spent twenty years providing meals for the elderly, toys for underprivileged children at Christmas, and various other charitable acts throughout the city of Detroit; **and**

WHEREAS, **BERTHA** was a homeowner in Detroit for her entire adult life and gave back to the community by providing affordable, quality housing as a landlord of several properties. **BERTHA MAE BRAXTON** leaves a legacy of hard work, achievement and the belief that 'you can be anything you want in life if you believe in yourself.' **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That Council President **Brenda Jones** and the **Detroit City Council** extend our deepest sympathy and join with family and friends to celebrate the life of **BERTHA MAE BRAXTON**.

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Testimonial Resolution

In Memoriam

Mrs. Marie Teasley

WHEREAS, We, the members of the **Detroit City Council**, join the family and friends of **MRS. MARIE TEASLEY** in honoring her life and legacy. **MRS. TEASLEY** made her heavenly transition on January 4, 2020. We pause to offer sincere condolences to her devoted husband, Mr. Ronald Teasley; her three children, Ron Jr. (Nadelyn), Timothy (Colette) and Lydia (Ronnie); grandchildren, Amber, Anthony, Ashleigh, Ashton, Tiffany, Arin and Autumn; great-grandchildren, Cadence, Brielle, Annistyn, Mylah, Tyler and many other relatives and friends; **and**

WHEREAS, **MARIE TEASLEY** was born on October 1, 1926 in Hannibal, Missouri. Her parents, the late George Hannibal Wright and the late Rose Trott Wright, had 11 children. **MRS. TEASLEY** grew up in Hannibal, Missouri, and the family migrated to Detroit, Michigan, in 1942. After graduating from Northwestern High School, **MRS. TEASLEY** continued a pursuit of higher education at Wayne State University. She studied journalism and wrote a column for the Detroit Collegian. Later she wrote columns for the Pittsburgh Courier and Fame Magazine. **MRS. TEASLEY** credited much of her success as a writer to her father who was the editor and publisher of the Hannibal Register, a weekly newspaper he operated in Hannibal, Missouri; **and**

WHEREAS, **MRS. TEASLEY** officially retired from the Michigan Chronicle newspaper in 1992 after twenty-five years of dedicated service to the Detroit community as editor of the award-winning *Life Design* section. She continued working on a part-time basis until January 2003. Throughout her career at the Chronicle, **MRS. TEASLEY** won national recognition for her comprehensive writing and reporting in the society, general news, food, fashion and travel sections. She was appointed Women's Editor by the late Publisher-Emeritus Longworth Quinn. Her "*Best Women's Pages*" won 12 NNPA Awards presented by the National Newspaper Publishers Association. In 1986, she toured the Soviet Union (Moscow, Russia) as part of a selected press delegation to the Goodwill Games, courtesy of Ted Turner, CEO of CNN Broadcasting. **MRS. TEASLEY** penned the award-winning "*Jet Set*" column for 15 years and was the recipient of more than 75 national and local awards; **and**

WHEREAS, **MRS. TEASLEY'S** broad travels included press junkets to: Rio DeJanerio, Brazil, Nassau, Jamaica, Dominion Republic, Atlanta, Amsterdam, Russia, Acapulco, New York, Washington, Chicago, Montreal, Los Angeles, Dallas, San Francisco, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, and many more. **MRS. TEASLEY** was the Founder/Chairman of the Detroit Science Center's Bus Fund Committee for Detroit Public School children from 1988 to 1991. The fund raised money to help bring inner-city students to the Science Center by providing bus transportation. More than 10,000 students benefited from the fund. **MRS. TEASLEY** exemplified her community spirit through participation in college seminars, speaking engagements, and radio and television panels. She hosted the TV62 news feature "*Upward Mobility of Blacks in Detroit,*" and a popular food and music radio show. She appeared in the PBS video presentation "*Detroit - City on Fire: The 1967 Riot,*" and was profiled in the "*Michigan Women of Commitment and Action 2002 Digest.*" She also was a communications mentor in Focus: HOPE's Fast Track program; **and**

WHEREAS, **MRS. TEASLEY** was an outstanding and influential journalist. She will be remembered for her work ethic and passion for the community. **MRS. MARIE TEASLEY** has left her indelible mark on the Detroit community and beyond. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the **Detroit City Council** and Council President Brenda Jones extend our deepest sympathy and join with family and friends to celebrate the life of **MRS. MARIE TEASLEY.**


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