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TESTIMONIAL RESOLUTIONS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGE

Testimonial Resolution

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Faye's Coffee Convenience Store

Established December 12, 2019

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WHEREAS: Faye's Coffee Convenience Store celebrated its grand opening on December 12, 2019, inside the lobby of the newly renovated Cass Plaza building, located at 3550 Cass Avenue in midtown Detroit; *and*

WHEREAS: Faye's Coffee Convenience is named in honor of Faye Lloyd, the mother of founder and owner, Dr. Victor Lloyd. The Coffee Shop is located across the street from Burton Elementary where Faye became a teacher after working as a Teaching Assistant. Faye worked as single parent while raising her two sons via a neighborhood grant program that recruited homeless moms who understood the unique needs of local street kids. Faye and her two sons struggled with the difficulties and constant environmental challenges of homelessness in the Cass Corridor during the 1950's and 1960's; *and*

WHEREAS: As an eight-year-old child, Victor often visited the Third Street Mission and former Salvation Army Soup Kitchen on Cass to get food for his mother and younger brother. Victor shined shoes outside all of the local bars on Third Street. He sold newspapers in apartment buildings, in front of the Fox Theatre and on Cass and Temple every night to make extra money; *and*

WHEREAS: While struggling with intense poverty and living an urban nomadic lifestyle, Faye always valued educations and insisted her boys go to school. Victor followed his mother's wishes completing high school at Murray Wright. He was recruited into the Upward Bound program for financially disadvantage inner city youth. He also caught the attention of MOTOWN founder Berry Gordy, Jr. who awarded him a scholarship, due to his scholastic abilities, for his first degree at Wayne State University. He went on to earn degrees in Economics, Industrial Engineering, and Operations Research with a minor in African American History from Wayne State University. He completed a dual master's degree in Information Systems and Communication from Walsh College, and his Doctorate in Healthcare Administration from the University of Phoenix. Faye, at the age of 42, earned her GED then her Associates Degree, and went on to earn a degree in Education from Wayne State University at the same time Victor attended. Rosa Parks spoke at her graduation and personally handed her her college degree; *and*

WHEREAS: Dr. Victor Lloyd dedicates Faye's Coffee Convenience to his mother Faye Lloyd, who dreamed of owning her own business in the Cass Corridor. Dr. Lloyd remembers that his mother did everything she could to help other homeless children in the neighborhood. He open the store across from Burton Elementary where he attended and his mother later taught kids from the street that loved her like she did them. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López and her colleagues on the Detroit City Council join Dr. Victor Lloyd and celebrate the opening of Faye's Coffee Convenience and the memory of Faye Floyd whose legacy is Peace, Joy, Love and Happiness while serving in the community she loved.


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Mauro Cruz

Detroit Public School Community District - Retired

WHEREAS:

Mauro Cruz has been an educator and administrator in the Detroit Public School Community District for **22 years**. He came from humble beginnings. He was born in Tucson, Arizona in 1958, the fifth child of seven to migratory workers in the Southwest states of the U.S. He began school in Ripley, Arizona, a small town in the vicinity of Tucson. He was a bright child and was double promoted from first grade to second grade. Due to the wealth of jobs in the Northern states, the family moved to Southwest Detroit in 1967 where he graduated from Chadsey High School in 1975; *and*

WHEREAS:

Mauro became a young parent and had to go to work right after high school to support his family, which eventually included 3 wonderful children. **Mauro** became a musician with his brother for extra income and formed the well-known band La Buena Vida, which performed for many years; *and*

WHEREAS:

Mauro also began an art career with his father's encouragement. He enrolled into the Norman's Rockwell's Art Institute for Young People. Since then, he merged his musical interests with his art and began using guitars as his canvas. His website drew the attention of legendary guitarist Carlos Santana's Management Company that resulted in commissioned artwork for the icon and allowed him to meet the performer several times. Mario still performs in his own band, Mauro Cruz y Los Invitados; *and*

WHEREAS:

Mauro pursued his collegiate studies at Wayne County Community College which led to a Bachelor of Science Degree from Eastern Michigan University and then began his career as an educator. He strongly feels that the work ethic his father instilled in him, his education, and working as a local artist ingrained in him a sense of honor, respect, and loyalty to the Southwest Detroit Community; *and*

WHEREAS:

Mauro strongly felt a compulsion to help improve the lives of all young people who come from impoverished or migratory families. As an educator and administrator, he became a role model for youth as a professional Hispanic male; working at Higgins Elementary, Cesar Chavez Academy, Maybury Elementary, and Priest Elementary Schools. **Mauro** continued his educations and earned a Master's of Education from Wayne State University. He then earned his educational Specialist Certificate. For the next fifteen years, he was a Principal in Southwest Detroit at Webster Elementary, Logan Elementary and Harms Elementary. In 2014, his school won the Detroit Public School "School of the Year Award"; *and*

WHEREAS:

On January 16, 2020, Mauro Cruz will retire after **22 years** with the Detroit Public School Community District. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED:

Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López and her colleagues on the Detroit City Council congratulates and thanks **Mauro Cruz** on his **22 years of service** to the Detroit Public School System and the children of Detroit. Best wishes as you start another chapter in your life.


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January 16, 2020

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*Testimonial Resolution***Rev. Dr. Eleazar Merriweather****Pastor of St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church**

- WHEREAS** the members of the Detroit City Council are delighted to honor an outstanding man that has made a great impact in his family, his church and his community; **and**
- WHEREAS** in the city of Demopolis, Alabama, the world was blessed with a beautiful baby boy named Eleazar and he was to become a kind, humble, loving, and giving husband, father, grandfather, Pastor, Presiding Elder and friend; **and**
- WHEREAS** Reverend Merriweather graduated from John Essex High School in Demopolis and went on to Tuskegee University where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering. He received a Master of Arts Degree in New Testament Studies and Preaching Exposition from Johnson Bible College in Knoxville, TN. and earned his Doctor of Divinity from Livingstone College; **and**
- WHEREAS** Reverend Merriweather served as Pastor of Lomax Temple A.M.E. Zion Church in Knoxville, TN., St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church in Grand Rapids, MI. and is the current Pastor of St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church in Detroit, MI. Through his ministry of dynamic teaching, preaching and leadership, God has blessed all three churches to have experienced rebirth, renewal and restoration; **and**
- WHEREAS** being active on all levels of the A.M.E. Zion Church, Reverend Merriweather served tirelessly as Administrative Assistant, Dean and Conference Secretary for many Boards and Ministries for the Connectional Church and served as the Presiding Elder of the Western Michigan District and currently serves as Presiding Elder of the Trinidad District, Trinidad & Tobago Conference; **and**
- WHEREAS** Pastor Merriweather is married to Reverend Wanda Merriweather and they have two wonderful daughters, LaQuitta and Alesia, and three amazing grandchildren, Robert, Shalaya and MaKenzie; **THEREFORE, LET IT BE**
- RESOLVED** that Councilwoman Janee' L. Ayers and the entire Detroit City Council joins in the celebration of **Rev. Dr. Eleazar Merriweather**, truly one of Detroit's finest treasures. May the Lord continue to bless you and keep you in His care.

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DECEMBER 15, 2019
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Testimonial Resolution

Addie Green

100th Birthday Celebration

- WHEREAS** the members of the Detroit City Council are delighted to honor an outstanding woman that has made a great impact in her family, her church and her community for one hundred years; **and**
- WHEREAS** on December 1, 1919, the Lord blessed the world with a beautiful baby girl named Addie. She was to become a kind, humble, loving, and giving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, First Lady and friend; **and**
- WHEREAS** Mrs. Green was married to Pastor Earl Green, the founding Pastor of Thankful Baptist Church, and has three wonderful children, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; **and**
- WHEREAS** Mrs. Green has been an active member of Thankful Baptist Church for over forty years, receiving numerous awards and serving tirelessly on many boards and ministries including, the Mission Board, Usher Board, Mother's Board, Youth and Children's Ministries, Nursing Home Ministries and is the past President of the Minister's Wives Auxiliary; **and**
- WHEREAS** Mrs. Green's selfless acts of love and passion for people is also expressed in her community, for Addie works with her Block Club and Neighborhood Beautification Committee, she volunteers at the homeless shelter and is a long-time member/supporter of the Detroit Association for Retarded Citizens ; **and**
- WHEREAS** in her spare time, Mrs. Green enjoys baking, writing poetry, visiting and phone ministry. Through her wondrous spirit she exudes her favorite quote, "May the work I've done speak for me"; **THEREFORE, LET IT BE**
- RESOLVED** that Councilwoman Janee' L. Ayers and the entire Detroit City Council joins in the 100th birthday celebration of **Addie Green**, truly one of Detroit's finest treasures. May the Lord continue to bless you and keep you in His care.

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