# TESTIMONIAL RESOLUTIONS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGE

# Testimonial Resolution

# National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day "Back the Blue Detroit"

- WHEREAS, Thursday, January 9, 2020, is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. In honor of this day, the first annual "Back the Blue Detroit" campaign will take place. The Detroit Public Safety Foundation and the Detroit Police Department encourage all Detroit citizens, businesses and visitors to demonstrate their appreciation for the families and members of our law enforcement agencies by wearing blue to work, lighting up their buildings with blue lights, and/or advertising the day on social media with positive messages thanking law enforcement by using the hashtag #BacktheBlueDetroit; and
- WHEREAS, There are thousands of sworn and civilian women and men law enforcement officers now serving in Detroit. Each day these women and men leave their families to protect us and our families. These special people take the oath to protect and serve. They daily carryout their duties without complaint, but with much sacrifice; and
- WHEREAS, We must remember all those who lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers. In 2019, Officer Rasheed McClain was killed in the line of duty. He was just one of too many law enforcement officers across the country who went to work but did not return home to their loved ones. It is our duty to honor all critically injured and fallen officers of the Detroit Police Department. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT
- RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council and Council President Brenda Jones join the Detroit Public Safety Foundation and the Detroit Police Department in recognizing the sacrifices of law enforcement officers and encouraging acts of gratitude on Thursday, January 9, 2020, National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. The annual "Back the Blue Detroit" campaign will serve to foster mutual respect and cooperation between the public and the law enforcement profession. God bless and keep safe all law enforcement officers. We appreciate and support them!

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### Testimonial Resolution

#### **CORPORAL RICHARD SCHLEY**

"47 Years of Dedicated Service"

#### **DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- WHEREAS, On November 11, 2019, CORPORAL RICHARD SCHLEY, formerly assigned to Communications Operations, retired from the Detroit Police Department (DPD) after forty-seven (47) years of dedicated service to the citizens of Detroit; and
- WHEREAS, OFFICER SCHLEY was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on November 20, 1972. Upon completion of the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, OFFICER SCHLEY began his career at the Second Precinct. In 1983, OFFICER SCHLEY transferred to the Third Precinct, where he was assigned to Patrol. His other assignments included Special Operations and Community Relations. In 1995, OFFICER SCHLEY was transferred to the Communications Section and served as a distinguished dispatcher. He rose through the ranks to become the Chief Head Operator; and
- WHEREAS, Being in good standing with an exemplary service record, OFFICER SCHLEY was recognized and officially promoted to the rank of Corporal. During his tenure with the Detroit Police Department CORPORAL SCHLEY demonstrated respect for fallen officers by performing the "End of Watch" tribute; and
- WHEREAS, Throughout his career, CORPORAL SCHLEY was the recipient of numerous departmental awards, including Chief Merit Awards, the Chief's Unit Award, department citations and letters of commendation from citizens; and
- WHEREAS, CORPORAL RICHARD SCHLEY served the Detroit Police Department and the citizens of Detroit with commitment and professionalism. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT
- RESOLVED, That Council President Brenda Jones and the Detroit City Council commend and thank CORPORAL RICHARD SCHLEY for his contributions to the Detroit Police Department; working to ensure the safety and well-being of the citizens of Detroit; and forty-seven years of dedicated law enforcement service.

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#### In Memoriam

#### Mr. Edward Martin Tuggle

- WHEREAS, We, the members of the **Detroit City Council**, recognize and honor the late **MR. EDWARD MARTIN TUGGLE**, affectionately called Ed by friends and Uncle Brother by family. **EDWARD** was born on February 27, 1951, in Detroit, Michigan, to Edward and Mattie Tuggle and made his heavenly transition on November 22, 2019; **and**
- WHEREAS, EDWARD was one of seven siblings and the only male of the group. He was a quiet child, but found his voice through music in high school. At Martin Luther King High School, EDWARD played the saxophone and guitar and was active in the marching band. His love for music continued into his adult years when he performed with local R & B bands. EDWARD also attended Eastern Michigan University; and
- WHEREAS, In 1971, EDWARD was drafted into the United States Army and served as a paratrooper, a military police officer and a cook in the Vietnam War. Upon his return home, he was dedicated to honoring and helping other veterans through his longtime work with the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #9. EDWARD helped secure donations for the chapter's law enforcement luncheon, assisted with Brother Joe's program to feed and clothe the homeless, and was a member of the Metro Detroit Veterans Parade Coalition. He also served as president of the Triple Nickel, an elite group of African American paratroopers; and
- WHEREAS, EDWARD served the citizens of Detroit through his work in the Wayne County Office of Veterans Affairs, as a staffer in the City of Detroit Human Rights office, and as a dedicated member of Council President Brenda Jones' Military and Veterans Affairs Task Force; and
- WHEREAS, EDWARD was fiercely loyal, whether being a savvy political field operative, a loving family member or a caring friend. His catch phrase, "All Day and Night," described his commitment to the people and causes he loved and supported. EDWARD'S presence will be missed by many. But he remains in spirit and his impact will forever be embedded in the hearts of those he cherished. 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 MR. EDWARD MARTIN TUGGLE.

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