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Testimonial Resolution **96**

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William L. "Bill" Vanderwill University of Michigan School of Social Work - Retired

WHEREAS: William "Bill" Vanderwill has been a social worker for over **44 years**. He practiced as a Social Work Technician, Registered Social Worker, Certified Social and Licensed Master Social Worker-Clinical and Macro Practice; *and*

WHEREAS: Bill taught college and graduate level classes in Social Work, Aging Studies, Case Management, Psychology, Sociology/Anthropology, Pharmacy, Mortuary Science and Addition Studies. He estimates he has placed 1,200 field students, worked with 175 field placement sites, and attended 740 conferences and seminars. He also conducted seminars and classes in the community, Henry Ford College, Marygrove College, Ford UAW College Program, Madonna University, Wayne State University, University of Michigan-Dearborn, St. Clair Community College, Schoolcraft College, Michigan State University, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and the National Association of Social Workers-Michigan Chapter; *and*

WHEREAS: Bill joined the University of Michigan School of Social Work Office of Field Education in July 2005 as a field educator/lecturer/field liaison. His primary areas of interest are urban social work, mental health and community organization. He worked with students across all methods and concentrations; *and*

WHEREAS: Bill joined the newly formed Alliance of Social Workers in Sports. This newly formed organization, incorporated in the summer of 2016, was formed to promote individual and community well-being through partnerships between the profession of social work and the field of athletics. In 2018 the Alliance established **The Bill Vanderwill Award** for outstanding leadership in sports social work. In November of 2018, **Bill Vanderwill** became the first recipient of this annual honor; *and*

WHEREAS: On **December 6, 2019**, William "Bill" Vanderwill will celebrate his retirement after **44 years** of dedicated service to Social Work and the services his work provided to the community. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López and her colleagues on the **Detroit City Council** celebrate William L. "Bill" Vanderwill and **44 years** of dedication and service.

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Testimonial Resolution

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MRS. ELVERA RENCHER

'In Recognition of Your Centennial 100TH Birthday'

Whereas, Maya Angelou...once said that, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." When you meet Elvera Rencher, she will always have positive and kind words for you, leaving you with a genuine feeling of love and support. We celebrate Mrs. Elvera Rencher giving her light to the world for 100 years. The Detroit City Council would like to publicly acknowledge this important event in her life; and

Whereas, Elvera Rencher was born on January 6, 1920, in the small Delta town of Shaw, Mississippi. Her parents passed away when she was very young and Elvera was raised by her uncle and grandmother. Mrs. Rencher has lived a rich and blessed life, having experienced, first-hand, 100 of the most eventful and productive years in American and world history. She often shares stories about her early life growing up in Mississippi during the 1920s, sharing memories of her grandmother growing up in slavery, walking over six miles to attend school, the Great Mississippi Flood of 1927, meeting George Washington Carver when she was in high school, as well as her grandmother's house serving as a frequent hosting and meeting place for Dr. Theodore Roosevelt Mason Howard, a.k.a. "Dr. TR Howard," an American civil rights and fraternal organization leader who later mentored Medgar Evers and Fannie Lou Hamer; and

Whereas, A few years after graduating from high school, Elvera migrated from Mississippi to Chicago to live with cousins who had already settled there. During World War II, job opportunities were more plentiful in northern cities for women because a majority of men had been drafted to fight in the war. Her longtime friend and future husband, Ernest Rencher served in World War II, but continued to correspond by mail while he served and visited her in Chicago. One day Ernest proposed and they were united in holy matrimony in Chicago and from there moved to Detroit, Michigan, in 1947. Mr. and Mrs. Rencher started a family, raising their four children in the Rosa Parks Clairmount neighborhood. She would later witness the riots of 1967 firsthand in the area. In 1958, Mrs. Rencher joined Tiedstone Baptist Church where she served on the Usher Board. She and her husband spent many hours hosting dinners and fundraisers for the church. The couple had a close and loving relationship and they both liked to joke around. Mr. and Mrs. Rencher instilled the importance of education and encouraged achievement for their children. They were very proud that all four of their children graduated from college. Mr. Rencher, a longtime Chrysler worker, passed away in 1986; and

Whereas, Mrs. Rencher enjoys spending time with her family and traveling on cruises. She loves to sit on her porch talking to the children playing on the block, admiring her garden and flowers, and listening to talk radio. Every evening she watches her favorite television programs, including the City Council meetings. Mrs. Rencher has strong opinions about current events and politics and often talks about the late Honorable Coleman A. Young, whom she loved. Her home continues to serve as a gathering place welcoming family and friends for a good down-home southern dinner. The family spends most Sundays, holidays and birthdays at her home. At 100 years young, Mrs. Elvera Rencher is the Matriarch of the Rencher family. She has five grandchildren and one great-grandchild to whom she remains patient, smart, supportive and loving - just as she raised her own children. She is not afraid to give guidance - she is known to 'tell it like it is' with warm doses of wisdom. As family and friends are gathered here today to commemorate and celebrate her 100th Birthday, it is abundantly fitting and proper that Mrs. Elvera Rencher be appropriately recognized during this very special and memorable time of her life. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

Resolved, That the Detroit City Council and Council President Brenda Jones would like to recognize and honor Mrs. Elvera Rencher, upon the grand occasion of her 100th Birthday.

Brenda Jones

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Mary Sheffield

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January 6, 2020

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Testimonial Resolution 98

MASTER SERGEANT TERRANCE L. GRIMES "34 Years of Dedicated Service" CITY OF DETROIT

WHEREAS, On November 22, 2019, **MASTER SERGEANT TERRANCE L. GRIMES**, assigned to the Gaming Operations Unit, is retiring from the Detroit Police Department as a law enforcement officer. **MASTER SERGEANT TERRANCE L. GRIMES** has performed thirty-four years of dedicated service to the citizens of the city of Detroit; **and**

WHEREAS, **OFFICER TERRANCE L. GRIMES** was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on July 8, 1985. Upon graduation from the Detroit Police Academy, **OFFICER TERRANCE L. GRIMES** was assigned to the 8th Precinct. On February 6, 2004, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and was assigned to the 10th Precinct. During his tenure, **SERGEANT GRIMES** was also assigned to the 12th Precinct as well as the Gaming Operations Unit. In 2019, he was appointed to the rank of Master Sergeant. **MASTER SERGEANT TERRANCE L. GRIMES** never missed an opportunity for a teachable moment and always led by example. He displayed an interest in the lives of the citizens that he served-finding solutions to their concerns and problems that enhanced their quality of life; **and**

WHEREAS, During his career, **MASTER SERGEANT TERRANCE L. GRIMES** was also the recipient of the following awards: Five Perfect Attendance Awards, the Super Bowl XL Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral Award, and the Major League Baseball All-Star Game Award. In addition, **MASTER SERGEANT TERRANCE L. GRIMES** received numerous commendations from citizens, superiors and other law enforcement agencies. He is widely respected throughout the law enforcement community as the consummate professional. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the **Detroit City Council** and **Council President Brenda Jones** recognize and commend **MASTER SERGEANT TERRANCE L. GRIMES** for his positive contributions to the Detroit Police Department; working to ensure the safety and well-being of the citizens of Detroit; and thirty-four years of dedicated service. We wish him many years of a healthy and happy retirement!

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November 22, 2019

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Testimonial Resolution (99)

In Memoriam

Celebrating the Life of

Ms. Carolyn Johnson-Boxley

WHEREAS, We, the members of the **Detroit City Council**, recognize and bestow homage upon the late **MS. CAROLYN JOHNSON-BOXLEY**, who made her heavenly transition on November 14, 2019. **CAROLYN** was a dedicated former employee of the City of Detroit; **and**









WHEREAS, **CAROLYN JOHNSON-BOXLEY** was born on March 17, 1942. After graduating from Commerce High School in Detroit, she continued a pursuit of higher education at Wayne County Community College where she earned an Associate's Degree. **CAROLYN** matriculated to Wayne State University and received a Bachelor's Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies in 1992; **and**

WHEREAS, In 1975, **CAROLYN** started working for the City of Detroit as a Junior Typist in the Data Processing Department and quickly advanced to Typist in one year. As **CAROLYN** pursued her education, she changed her career path and became a Junior Programmer in 1981. Her distinguished service resulted in several promotions, including Senior Programmer/Analyst, Principal Programmer/Analyst and Application Manager for the Revenue and Property Management Division. **CAROLYN** continued her devoted service to the City she loved until her retirement in 2003; **and**

WHEREAS, With her first husband, Horace Johnson, **CAROLYN** shared five children: Cheryl, Karen (deceased), Darryl, Kevin (deceased) and David. She also was pre-deceased by her second husband, Chisholm Boxley. **CAROLYN** was a wonderful mother and wife. She put her heart and soul into her family; **and**

WHEREAS, **CAROLYN** enjoyed entertaining and was a marvelous cook and host. She loved traveling, listening to good music, reading all genres of books, playing Scrabble and solving crossword puzzles. **CAROLYN** also was an avid bid whist and bridge player. She was a longtime supporter of the Detroit Bridge Unit. A woman of strong faith, **CAROLYN** was a longtime member of Oak Grove AME Church. She was not only a sharp dressing "Church Lady," she supported all endeavors of the church and taught all of her children to love the Lord. **CAROLYN** was a fervent supporter of Detroit – she would not allow anyone to speak ill of the City she loved. She accepted the challenges because she knew Detroiters were blessed with a "can do" spirit. **MS. CAROLYN JOHNSON-BOXLEY** has been a good servant and ensured that her impact would be forever embedded in the hearts of those she cherished for years to come. **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 **MS. CAROLYN JOHNSON-BOXLEY**.

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December 4, 2019

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Testimonial Resolution **100**
In Memoriam

Corporal Rasheen P. McClain
Detroit Police Department

WHEREAS, We, the members of the **Detroit City Council**, join the family and friends of **Corporal Rasheen P. McClain** in honoring his life and legacy. **Corporal McClain** made his heavenly transition on November 20, 2019. We pause to offer sincere condolences to his devoted wife, Mrs. Heidi McClain; his adoring mother, Sylvia McClain; stepchildren, Michael Herwart, Jeremy Herwarth and Jaclyn Herwarth (son-in-law Sam Berry); grandchildren, Sierra Benedict, Aiden Herwarth and Sophia Berry; aunts, Judy Washington and Patricia McClain; uncle, Carl McClain; his 12th Precinct and Detroit Police Department (DPD) colleagues and many other relatives and friends; **and**









WHEREAS, **Corporal McClain** was a 16-year veteran of the Detroit Police Department and was assigned to the 12th Precinct. He was appointed to the department on May 27, 2003. Upon graduating from the Metropolitan Police Academy, **Officer McClain** began his career at the Northwestern District. On May 4, 2006, he was transferred to the Western District where he was assigned to patrol. **Officer McClain** was transferred to patrol at the Tenth Precinct on February 2, 2009. Then, on April 13, 2009, he was transferred to patrol at the Twelfth Precinct; **and**

WHEREAS, In 2018, **Officer McClain** was appointed to the position of seniority Corporal. Throughout his law enforcement career, **Corporal McClain** was the deserving recipient of numerous departmental awards which included the Conclusion of Consent Award, Confinement Judgement Award, 2014 Ford Fireworks Award, the Super Bowl XL Recognition Award, Major League Baseball All-Star Recognition Award, and the Rosa Parks Funeral Recognition Award. **Corporal McClain** also received many letters of commendation from citizens and supervisors for his exemplary service; **and**

WHEREAS, **Corporal McClain** and his wife Heidi were married on September 12, 2009. He was a loving husband and sent his wife flowers every two weeks without fail to brighten her office while she worked. **Corporal McClain** was an awesome individual and a courageous and gifted leader on the force. He also was a dedicated and hard worker in DPD's Secondary Employment Program. He was well known, highly respected and very affectionately regarded at Home Depot. **Corporal McClain** passionately served the department and the citizens of Detroit. His professionalism, commitment to public service, integrity and dedication were a credit to the Detroit Police Department and he was highly respected by his peers as a consummate professional. His motto and approach to life was "Work hard, Play harder." **Corporal Rasheen P. McClain** gave the ultimate sacrifice to make the city of Detroit and this world a better and safer place. His service to others will always be appreciated.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the **Detroit City Council**, Council President **Brenda Jones** and Councilman **Roy McCalister, Jr.**, present this Resolution in Memoriam to the family of **Corporal Rasheen P. McClain** in recognition of his heroism, selfless attitude and courageous service.

	
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Testimonial Resolution

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Police Officer Derryck Thomas 25 Years of Dedicated Service

WHEREAS: On November 28, 1994, Mr. Derryck Thomas joined the ranks of the Detroit Police Department and began his rewarding and dedicated life of service to the citizens of Detroit. After graduating from the Detroit Police Academy, Officer Thomas was assigned to the 11th Precinct, where he served in a patrol capacity and as a Mini-Station Officer. He became a member of the "Clean-Team." This was a collaboration of Mini-station Officers in the 5th and 9th Precincts working together to improve and enrich the lives of the eastside residents from 8 Mile to Belle Isle; **and**

WHEREAS: The passion and dedication to the community and public service led you to focus on our youth. Officer Thomas began volunteering at P.A.L. (Police Athletic League) as a coach, which naturally led him to become a mentor and ultimately a leader within the organization. He became the President of the West Seven Rams Organization- which included football, cheer, baseball, and basketball. He also held the Office of President of the Advisory Board (P.A.L.), presiding over all of the football teams in Detroit. Officer Thomas has served in his capacity at P.A.L. as coach, mentor and board member for over 21 years; **and**

WHEREAS: Officer Thomas' dedication to youth in Detroit was never interrupted by his personal life, family or other assignments within the Detroit Police Department. In 1998 Officer Thomas had the rare occasion (as a young officer) to become a member of the infamous Homicide Section. It was here that most of his career lived out. He served just over 18 years at homicide where he was instrumental in solving countless numbers of cases affording immeasurable amounts of closure to many families; **and**

WHEREAS: Officer Derryck Thomas was the recipient of many letters of appreciation, several Unit Citations, accommodations, Perfect Attendance, Rosa Parks, Super Bowl, Consent Decree awards, Comp Stat awards. Officer Thomas had the distinct opportunity to join a Task Force along with members of the DEA for six years. There they accumulated several awards for excellent police work, arrests, and significant seizures of narcotics and other illegal contraband. He also served with other law enforcement partnerships, Michigan State Police, ATF and neighboring communities agencies in fighting for justice and against crime throughout his career; **and**

WHEREAS: Officer Thomas began to wind down his fast-paced career by serving in at the 11th Precinct Investigative Unit. It was there that Officer Thomas gave the most back to his fellow officers. He was afforded the opportunity to mentor and train younger officers in the detective unit. There he imparted his experience and dedication to other officers that were just learning the trade of investigations. He was well versed and shared his techniques for preparing cases for prosecutions, evidence gathering, witness interviews, and other aspects which he had honed over the last 22 years of his Detroit Police Department career. Officer Thomas retired December 5, 2019; **and NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That Councilman Roy McCalister, Jr. and the entire City council present this **Testimonial Resolution** with great pride as we celebrate your 25 years of unsullied and dedicated service to the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department. May God Bless and keep you in your future endeavors.

Brandon Jones
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COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM

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December 15, 2019