

**RESOLUTION HONORING
SERGEANT RALPH L. SMITH, JR.
POSTHUMOUSLY**

WHEREAS Ralph L. Smith was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on May 12, 1997. Upon graduating from the Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Smith began his career at the Ninth Precinct Patrol Operations Section; and

WHEREAS Officer Smith dutifully served the Ninth Precinct, and Evidence Technician Unit. Officer Smith displayed tremendous knowledge and leadership skills and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on February 2, 2004. Sergeant Smith's assignments included the Second Precinct Patrol Operations Section, Southwestern District, and Fourth Precinct. On Tuesday, August 31, 2021, Sergeant Ralph L. Smith, Jr., badge 0242, passed away; and

WHEREAS During his law enforcement career, Sergeant Smith was the deserving recipient of a Chief's Citation, the Aretha Franklin Funeral Recognition Award, both Consent Judgement Awards, the Major League Baseball All-Star Recognition Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral Recognition Award, the Super Bowl XL Recognition Award, and numerous letters of commendation from citizens and superiors; and

WHEREAS Sergeant Smith passionately served the Detroit Police Department, and the citizens of Detroit. His professionalism, commitment to public service, integrity, and dedication were a credit to the Detroit Police Department. He was highly respected by his peers as a consummate professional.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, awards this resolution posthumously in recognition of Sergeant Ralph L. Smith's 24 plus years of dedicated and diligent public service. His professionalism, integrity, and standard of commitment to the city of Detroit and its citizens merit our highest regards.

We salute you Sergeant Ralph L. Smith, Jr. for a job well done.