

RESOLUTION HONORING  
POLICE OFFICER Steven Floyd Schmekel  
POSTHUMOUSLY

WHEREAS, A native Detroiter, Steven Floyd Schmekel found his calling in law enforcement and joined the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy on April 21, 1986. Upon his graduation, Police Officer Schmekel was assigned to the Seventh Precinct and began his law enforcement career on August 25, 1986; and

WHEREAS, Police Officer Schmekel dutifully served the Seventh Precinct for 14 years and became well-known to the residents and stakeholders as he patrolled eastside neighborhoods and strengthened police-community relations throughout the area. On April 26, 2000, he was assigned to the Harbormaster Unit; and

WHEREAS, Police Officer Schmekel found the Harbormaster Unit a perfect assignment for his dedication to law enforcement and his deep appreciation for nature. As someone who enjoyed fishing and other outdoor activities, he thrived for 25 years with the Harbormaster. Sadly, Officer Schmekel passed away on duty on December 19, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his 40-year career, Officer Schmekel was the deserving recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the 2005 Major League Baseball All Star Game Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral Award, the NFL Super Bowl XL Award, both Consent Judgement Awards, and the 2014 Ford Fireworks Award. He also received many accolades from metro area residents, as well as praise from his peers and superiors who considered him a consummate law enforcement professional. A memorial service on December 27, 2025 celebrated the life and career of Police Officer Schmekel, and the Board continues to extend sincere condolences to his beloved family, friends, and fellow officers.

Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of Police Commissioners awards this resolution posthumously in honor of Police Officer Steven Floyd Schmekel and his 40 years of service with the Detroit Police Department. His remarkable and devoted public service for four decades merits our highest regards.