

RESOLUTION HONORING  
RETIRED LIEUTENANT RICHARD BAKER  
POSTHUMOUSLY

WHEREAS, From an early age, Richard Baker made a personal commitment to serving the community. His dedication led him to join the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy. Upon graduation, Police Officer Baker was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on August 19, 1968; and

WHEREAS, Police Officer Baker excelled in his assignments and exhibited excellence in leadership. He earned promotion to the rank of Sergeant on April 5, 1976 and was assigned to the Narcotics Section until September 1, 1982. Sergeant Baker's assignments also included the Fourth Precinct and the Twelfth Precinct. On July 24, 1998, he earned promotion to the rank of Lieutenant and was assigned to the Eighth Precinct followed by Western Operations and the Eight Precinct again. On July 16, 2002, Lieutenant Baker was assigned to Eastern Operations, where he served until his retirement on July 10, 2004; and

WHEREAS, During 34 years of service, he was the deserving recipient of numerous accolades from area residents, as well as praise from peers and superiors who considered him a consummate law enforcement professional; and

WHEREAS, Retired Lieutenant Baker never stopped working with the community, always showing the same engaging manner that had helped the Police Department build trust and improve police-community relations. He remained devoted to mentoring young officers, school students, and other youth, including participants in the Police Explorers program. He continued working with community groups and civic organizations, and he positively touched and influenced thousands. Many knew him by his nickname, Cookie, and as a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. He had a tremendous impact on Detroit because of the many strong connections and contributions that he made as a community leader, as well as a law enforcement professional. Sadly, he passed away December 25, 2025. The Board of Police Commissioners extends sincere condolences to his family and friends, who will celebrate his life on January 10, 2026 at 11 a.m. at Greater New Mt Moriah Baptist Church.

Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of Police Commissioners awards this resolution posthumously in honor of retired Lieutenant Richard Baker for his lasting impact on Detroit and residents during 34 years with the Detroit Police Department and as a lifelong community leader. His many contributions to public safety and the progress of Detroit residents merit our highest regards.