

*Testimonial Resolution***Geraldine Eloise Carter**

March 14, 1926 – May 28, 2023

In Memoriam

WHEREAS

Geraldine Carter was born on March 14, 1926, in River Rouge, Michigan, to her loving parents, Mr. and Mrs. Darryl and Ruth Simmons. She was one of three sisters: Gwendolyn and Jimmy. At two years old, her mother passed. She, along with her sisters, moved to Quitman, Texas, to live with their grandparents; **and**

WHEREAS

Geraldine Carter, at 11, was baptized at St. John Baptist Church in Minneola, Texas. By age sixteen, she graduated from Quitman Colored High School as Class Valedictorian in 1942. Quitman High School was the first Black High School in Wood County, Texas; **and**

WHEREAS

Geraldine Carter left Quitman and moved to Detroit to attend Lewis College of Business and Design. During that time, she lived with her father. Two years later, in 1944, she graduated with honors from Lewis Business College with a diploma in Stenography and Secretarial Training at the young age of eighteen; **and**

WHEREAS

Geraldine Carter met and married the love of her life, the late Alfred Carter, Sr. They entered holy matrimony in 1945. Their love story lasted thirty-six years. She was an engaged First Community Baptist Church member, making significant contributions to the church for over 63 years. She was one of the first women to serve on the church's trustee board and took on the role of President of the Missionary Ministry. Active participation in women's groups within the church brought her happiness. The "Annual Ladies Tea" held a special place in her heart; **and**

WHEREAS

Geraldine Carter dedicated herself to prioritizing others, whether it was helping those unable to leave their homes, baking cakes, or preparing delectable dishes for various occasions. She exemplified love and care as a cherished member of her family, an engaged citizen actively involved in causes, and a faithful woman committed to her beliefs; **and**

WHEREAS

It is the will of our Lord to call our beloved home after a long life of service, Geraldine Carter transitioned from this life, from labor to reward on May 28, 2023; **THEREFORE, BE IT**

RESOLVED

The Office of Councilman Scott Benson and the Detroit City Council celebrate **Geraldine Carter** for a life well lived. She had a passion for education, service at First Community Baptist Church and love for family and friends. May God bless and keep you during this difficult time and beyond.

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