

Testimonial Resolution

Vincent "Poppie" Martin

A true pillar of the community and a cherished friend to all

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that the Detroit City Council recognize Vincent "Poppie" Martin; and

WHEREAS, Poppie, with courageous spirit and hopeful heart, embarked on a journey from Cuba to the United States on February 14, 1964, leaving behind his beloved wife and children in pursuit of a brighter future for them all; and in 1965, demonstrating the unbreakable strength of familial ties, he was reunited with his wife and family in Detroit, Michigan, marking the beginning of a new chapter in their lives together in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Despite the demands of a 33-year career at Ford Motor Company, Poppie's commitment to his family never faltered, as he consistently supported his children's academic and extracurricular endeavors with the utmost enthusiasm and wisdom. Still, his role as a steadfast provider and protector extended beyond the confines of his family, touching the lives of countless individuals within the community and leaving a legacy of compassion and strength; and

WHEREAS, Poppie's dedication to sharing his rich cultural heritage has left an indelible mark on Southwest Detroit, from his efforts in beautifying the neighborhood to introducing his community to the vibrant flavors of Cuban cuisine; and

WHEREAS, He is celebrated for his unwavering integrity and boundless generosity, traits that have earned him the esteem and admiration of both his professional colleagues and the wider community. His willingness to listen, offer advice, and share his resources generously has made him a beloved figure, revered by all who have had the privilege of knowing him; and

WHEREAS, His influence profoundly impacted a former protégé, now passed, who credited him with providing not only mentorship and support, but also a pathway away from adversity; and

WHEREAS, Poppie's life is a testament to the beautiful blending of cultures and traditions, creating a community bound by love, respect, and mutual support. His example shines as a beacon of hope, inspiring those around him to live with love, generosity, and resilience. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That on this momentous occasion of his 90th birthday, we pay tribute to Mr. Vincent "Poppie" Martin, celebrating his extraordinary life, his invaluable contributions to the lives of Cuban, Haitian, and Jamaican immigrants in Detroit, and his enduring legacy of cultural exchange, family devotion, and community service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this testimonial resolution be presented to Mr. Vincent "Poppie" Martin as a token of our deep appreciation and respect for his remarkable journey and the profound impact he has made on his community and beyond.

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