

TESTIMONIAL RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM –
IN LOVING MEMORY OF *Dr. Patricia A. Butler*
SUBMITTED BY COUNCILMEMBER FRED DURHAL III

WHEREAS Dr. Patricia A. Butler was one of seven children born to the late Rev. James H. Evans Sr. and Annie Ruth Evans. She had a beautiful spirit and was very gracious. She was a people person, always connecting and willing to lend a helping hand. Dr. Butler loved the Lord wholeheartedly and exemplified a life that expressed her acceptance of Jesus as her Savior and King. She first taught Sunday School at the age of 12 and served in many capacities in the church, including Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, Choir, Usher Board, Trustee, and Missionary. For the past 17 years, Dr. Butler served as the pastor of St. Luke Tabernacle Community Church in Detroit; **and**

WHEREAS Dr. Butler's incredible academic journey is a testament to her unwavering dedication to education. From earning an Associate of Science from Highland Park Community College to achieving a doctorate in Leadership and Policy Studies from Wayne State University, her commitment to learning has left a profound impact. As a teacher, she has touched the lives of students at every level, embodying true compassion and devotion to the field of education; **and**

WHEREAS Dr. Butler, a lifelong Detroit resident, dedicated her life to serving the community in various roles. As the co-founder of the Cody Rouge Community Action Alliance, she served as Governing Board President and Director of Community Development and Outreach. Affectionately known as "Granny" to those around her, she made everyone feel special and always offered a helping hand; **and**

WHEREAS Dr. Butler's dedicated leadership and expertise have made a significant impact throughout the city of Detroit and beyond. Her board positions on community and faith-based organizations, such as the Cody Rouge Faith Alliance, Interfaith Hope and Healing Coalition, Joy Southfield Community Development Corporation, Metropolitan Detroit Association of American Baptists of Michigan, and the Youth Development Initiative for Cody Rouge, Brightmoor, NorthEnd, and Osborn neighborhoods, along with her involvement with the Council of Baptist Pastors of Detroit and Vicinity, reflect her commitment to making a difference. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED That Honorable Councilmember Fred Durhal III and members of the Detroit City Council hereby expresses its condolences and joins with family and friends in honoring the legacy of **DR. PATRICIA A. BUTLER**. She was an invaluable pillar in the community, and her absence will be deeply felt. Her contributions will always be remembered with great respect and gratitude.

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