

**TESTIMONIAL RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM –
IN LOVING MEMORY OF Mr. Robert Lee Morris, Jr.
SUNRISE: NOVEMBER 29, 1953 - SUNSET: SEPTEMBER 24, 2024
SUBMITTED BY COUNCILMEMBER FRED DURHAL III**

WHEREAS Robert Lee Morris Jr., known as Robert Jr. by his family, was born on November 29, 1953, in the bustling city of Detroit, Michigan. His parents, Robert Lee Morris Sr. and Rev. Lucile Hogan-Morris, proudly welcomed him as the second oldest among their five children; **and**

WHEREAS Robert's passion for learning was evident from a young age, as he learned how to read before kindergarten. He received his education from the Detroit Public School System and graduated from Central High School in 1971. Robert Jr. pursued further studies in Criminal Justice and Political Science at Wayne State University, University of Detroit Mercy College (U of D), and Wayne County Community College District. He was proud to mention that former Detroit Police Chief Isaiah "Ike" McKinnon was his professor at U of D Mercy College. Robert Jr. obtained an Associate of Arts in Political Science from Wayne County Community College; **and**

WHEREAS Robert Jr. had many positive experiences growing up. As an adolescent, he was the only minority member of the Detroit Tigers Bat Boy Club and participated enthusiastically in the Michigan Outdoors Fishing Derby. He also showcased his musical talent by singing in his mother's gospel group, "The Morris Gospel Singers," on local radio stations WJLB and WCHB, hosted by Senator Bristoe Bryant, Rev. Milton Nixon, and Martha Jean "The Queen" Steinberg; **and**

WHEREAS Robert Jr. had a long and distinguished career at Ford Motor Company, beginning in 1978. He was elected as a UAW Bargaining Committeeman in 2002 and served as Unit Vice President of the Parts Depot Department. After retiring from Ford in 2016, Robert Jr. remained a dedicated advocate for unionized companies and businesses, emphasizing their significance to everyone in the community. Robert Jr. was a true embodiment of the Detroit spirit, known for his unwavering devotion and love for those around him. His legacy will forever be remembered for the lasting impression he made on the world. "Job well done, good and faithful servant". **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 celebrating the legacy of **MR. ROBERT LEE MORRIS, JR.**

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October 13, 2024