

TESTIMONIAL RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM FOR MARTHA NELL JENNINGS
SUNRISE: FEBRUARY 16, 1942 - SUNSET: DECEMBER 23, 2024
SUBMITTED BY COUNCILMEMBER FRED DURHAL

WHEREAS Martha Nell Jennings was born Martha Nell Pirtle to Walter Brown and Florence Pirtle. She accepted Christ while attending the Community Church of God in Christ. Later in life, she joined New Order Missionary Church under the Reverend Henry McNeal in Detroit, Michigan; **and**

WHEREAS Martha was always a bright and brilliant star. She attended the Maury County Public School System. One of her passions was participating in the 4-H Program, where she raised and cared for her chickens; **and**

WHEREAS Mrs. Jennings was very active with the Northwestern Goldberg Association, known for providing youth activities, including field trips, swimming, and homework assistance. A dedicated group of women, including Ms. Betty Patterson, Mrs. Hoffman, Mrs. Dorsey, and Mrs. Murray, worked tirelessly to keep the doors open for many years; **and**

WHEREAS Mrs. Jennings continued to be a beacon of light in the community. She supported single mothers by helping them get their children to and from school. Due to her caring spirit, she opened a daycare to assist the neighborhood families. Mrs. Jennings was always available to her neighbors, whether by picking up food from food banks, providing household supplies, or serving as a rideshare driver long before that title existed; **and**

WHEREAS Mrs. Martha Nell Jennings was called home from labor to reward on December 23, 2024. Marth's legacy lives on through those she leaves to cherish her memories. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED That Council Member Fred Durhal III and members of the Detroit City Council hereby express their condolences and join family and friends in honoring the legacy of **Martha Nell Jennings**. May the memories of her love, faith, and devotion be cherished always and continue to fill the hearts of her many loved ones.

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