

**TESTIMONIAL RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM FOR MR. KENNETH HARRELL, SR.
SUNRISE: JANUARY 26, 1950 - SUNSET: DECEMBER 17, 2024**

WHEREAS Kenneth Harrell, Sr. was born on January 26, 1950, in Birmingham, Alabama, to Cosby and Minnie Harrell. For the first five years of his life, he was raised by his grandparents while his parents worked to create a better future for him in Michigan; **and**

WHEREAS Kenneth moved with his parents to Detroit, at the age of 5, where he began his education. His love for learning was evident early on, as his grandfather taught him valuable lessons, from counting money to planting and harvesting vegetables and fruit. He attended the Detroit Public Schools, graduating from Cass Technical High School, where he excelled in electronics and was also a champion swimmer. He later pursued higher education at Wayne State University, earning both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees; **and**

WHEREAS Kenneth became a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity at the Nu Sigma Chapter, where he had many enriching experiences and made a lasting impact on those around him. As a young man, he also developed a passion for fishing; **and**

WHEREAS Kenneth was hired by the Detroit Police Department, where he quickly rose through the ranks to become a Sergeant. He dedicated over 30 years to the department, demonstrating his deep love for his community and his commitment to his fellow officers; **and**

WHEREAS Kenneth's greatest joy in life was his family, often bringing laughter with his corny jokes and sharing time with them fishing. He is survived by his beloved wife, Stella, his three children, Kenneth II, John, and Ashlee, two grandchildren, Kenneth III and Kamryn, and a host of other family and loved ones. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED That Council Member Fred Durhal III, and members of the Detroit City Council, extends its deepest condolences and honors the life and legacy of **MR. KENNETH HARRELL, SR.**, celebrating his memory with family and friends.

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