

TESTIMONIAL RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MRS. BARBARA JEAN DAVIS – LOVING WIFE – MOTHER – DAUGHTER – CARETAKER

SUBMITTED BY COUNCILMEMBER FRED DURHAL

WHEREAS Mrs. Barbara Jean Davis, born Barbara Jean Brittain on March 4, 1935, in Detroit, Michigan, was the beloved daughter of Raymond and Ruby Brittain, both of whom preceded her in death, along with her five sisters: Juanita, Christine, Josephine, Melissa, and Louise; **and**

WHEREAS Barbara Jean, affectionately known as “Bob” by family and friends, was educated in the Detroit Public School System and graduated from Northwestern High School in 1952; **and**

WHEREAS It was by purpose, one day out shopping at Ned’s Grocery Store that Barbara Jean met LeRoy Davis. Their courtship led to a loving marriage and a devoted family life. Together, they raised seven children, three of whom—Christine, Gary, and Cassandra (Charles)—preceded her in death; **and**

WHEREAS Barbara Jean was a devoted mother and homemaker who took immense pride in her cooking. Her home became a hub of warmth and hospitality, known especially for her delicious macaroni and cheese, savory dressing, and her unforgettable eggnog, which became family favorites during gatherings and holidays; **and**

WHEREAS As her children grew older, Barbara Jean joined the workforce and dedicated many years to Blue Cross Blue Shield. Following her retirement, she selflessly cared for her aging parents while continuing to nurture her children and grandchildren. Known for her strength, grace, and unshakable love, Barbara Jean became a cherished figure in her neighborhood, affectionately referred to as the “Neighborhood Grandma”; **and**

WHEREAS A woman of faith, Barbara Jean was baptized as one of Jehovah’s Witnesses in 1984. She dedicated herself to her ministry with sincerity and passion, engaging in field service for many years, faithfully spreading the message of God’s word until health challenges limited her ability to go door to door; **and**

WHEREAS As the proud and loving matriarch of her family, Barbara Jean Davis leaves behind a lasting legacy built on compassion, humility, faith, and service. Her life served as an example of unwavering love, quiet strength, and the power of kindness. She encouraged those around her to walk humbly, give generously, and recognize the value in every individual. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED That the Honorable Councilman Fred Durhal and the Detroit City Council extend their heartfelt condolences to the family of **Mrs. Barbara Jean Davis**. We honor her memory, celebrate her life, and express our profound appreciation for her lifelong commitment to her family, faith, and community. Her presence will be deeply missed, but her spirit will continue to inspire all who knew and loved her.

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