


# DETROIT CITY COUNCIL

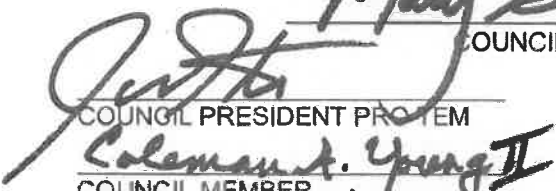
## RESOLUTION


In Memoriam


### RONALD JOHN KELLY


- WHEREAS;** On February 20, 1956, in Cincinnati, Ohio, Ronald John Kelly was born to John Henry Kelly and Ella Ree Kelly, entering a heritage of holiness and devotion that was deeply rooted in the Church of God in Christ, and nurtured by his maternal grandparents, Overseer Malachi and Mother Luella Johnson, early pioneers under Bishop C.H. Mason Sr.; and
- WHEREAS;** The Kelly family later made Detroit, Michigan their home, where Ronald—affectionately known as “Ron”—was further grounded in his spiritual and musical journey as a faithful member of New Jerusalem COGIC under the leadership of Bishop W.A. Patterson Sr.; and
- WHEREAS;** Ron developed and shared his musical gifts from an early age, influenced by his mother’s talents and the mentorship of devoted leaders such as Mother Jeanette Ford, Missionary Barbara Patterson Davis, and the legendary Dr. Mattie Moss Clark, becoming a beacon of musical excellence in the Church and beyond; and
- WHEREAS;** His ministry flourished as he faithfully served as Minister of Music at Anderson Memorial COGIC, Peace Baptist Church, and as Jurisdictional President of the Great Lakes Music Department, impacting countless lives through anointed worship, disciplined leadership, and a pursuit of God’s glory through music; and
- WHEREAS;** Ron’s unwavering dedication extended beyond music into civic service and professional excellence, including a 30-year tenure at AT&T, work in the Michigan House of Representatives, and various community endeavors, all characterized by integrity, humility, and purpose; and
- WHEREAS;** United in love and ministry with his beloved wife, Angela Michelle Kelly, Ron built a life rich in faith, service, and legacy—blessing and mentoring many as a spiritual father, godparent, and trusted friend whose wisdom, humor, and sincerity left an indelible mark; and
- WHEREAS;** On April 28, 2025, Ronald John Kelly peacefully transitioned to eternal rest, having fulfilled his divine assignment with excellence, faithfulness, and grace; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT,**
- RESOLVED;** That Councilwoman Latisha Johnson, and the Detroit City Council, honor and celebrate the extraordinary life of Ronald John Kelly, cherishing his legacy as a servant-leader, gifted minstrel, and beloved mentor, and that we extend our deepest condolences to his wife, family, friends, and church communities.


  
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