

DETROIT CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION
In Memoriam
SHIRLEY DELORES GARTH

- WHEREAS; Shirley Delores Garth was born on February 8, 1952, in Cortland, Alabama, to the proud parents Henry Joe Garth and Fannie Mae Swinney. She was the eldest of sixteen children, and she embraced the role of big sister with love, strength, and grace; and
WHEREAS; At the age of twelve, Shirley came to visit Detroit, Michigan, and it became the city where she would establish her home, nurture her family, and build her legacy; and
WHEREAS; Shirley was educated in the Detroit Public School System and graduated with pride from Charles F. Kettering High School in 1969; and
WHEREAS; At a young age, Shirley confessed her life to Christ, beginning her spiritual journey at God's Love Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Trece. Later, she and her family united with Impact Church under the guidance of Pastor Keenan Knox, where she faithfully served as a dedicated member of the Mother's Ministry until her health no longer allowed; and
WHEREAS; Shirley devoted 34 years of her professional life to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, serving diligently as a Claims Examiner until her retirement in 2013. She was widely respected for her hard work, dependability, and kindness; and
WHEREAS; After retirement, Shirley dedicated her time to the things she loved most serving her community, traveling, creating beautiful crochet and crafts, and hosting family game nights filled with laughter and love; and
WHEREAS; Shirley will be remembered as a gentle, soft-spoken, and loving soul who poured into others with generosity and compassion. She found joy in cooking meals that brought family together and cherished every moment spent with her children and grandchildren; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT,
RESOLVED; That Councilwoman Johnson, the City of Detroit City Council along with family, friends, and community of Shirley Delores Garth, do honor her memory and celebrate the rich and meaningful life she lived. We give thanks for her unwavering faith, her servant's heart, and her many contributions that have left an indelible mark on all who knew and loved her.

Signatures of Council members including Council President Mary Sheffield, Council President Pro Tem James Tate, Council Members Clemon A. Young II, Mary Waters, Angela Whitfield Calloway, Scott B..., Patricia Johnson, and Fabrice Santiago-Romero.

September 13, 2025
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