

**DETROIT CITY COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM**

*Edward D. Deeb*

Sunrise: May 4, 1936 thru September 2, 2025: Sunset

**A Man of Community Leadership and Genuine Caring for  
The People and The Community for All Time**

*Honored In Memoriam for 89 Years of a Life of Greatness in Service to Others  
Celebrating Entrepreneurial Success, Philanthropic Generosity & Conflict Resolution*

**WHEREAS:** *Mr. Edward Deeb, an active Detroit Area Community Leader and Problem Solver for over 65 years, passed away in his home on September 2, 2025 at the age of 89. Born on May 4, 1936 in Detroit, he is considered a tireless patriot, peacemaker, entrepreneur, youth advocate and philanthropist to mention some of his roles with numerous civic, charitable and professional organizations at the local, state, and national level. He was a Champion for small business and often a leader in the reconciliation of conflicts between businesses and government entities, entrepreneurs, residents or clashing ethnic groups; and*

**WHEREAS:** *Mr. Edward D. Deeb was also Founder and/or Co-Founder of the following organizations: Michigan Food and Beverage Association, Michigan Business and Professional Association, Michigan Youth Appreciation Foundation, Metro Detroit Youth Day, Eastern Market Merchants Association, Friends of Eastern Market, Women & Leadership in the Workplace Conference and Awards Program, and Scouting for the Handicapped for Boy Scouts of America (Detroit Chapter), the MSU School of Music Advisory Council, Eastern Market Corporation, Belle Isle Conservancy, American Arabic & Jewish Friends, Michigan State Lottery program with Senator Gus Harrison, Arab American and Chaldean Council, Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation and Services for Older Citizens (in Grosse Pointe); and*

**WHEREAS:** *Mr. Edward D. Deeb felt that one of his greatest accomplishments was his role as the Founder and Chairman of Metro Detroit Youth Day, an event which has attracted thousands of young people to Belle Isle each July for more than 41 years. My Father, Mayor Coleman A. Young, invited Mr. Deeb and other Detroit-area businessmen to establish ways to keep young people out of trouble during the Summer and together they started the Metro Detroit Youth Day for Youth Appreciation. President George H. W. Bush presented Mr. Edward D. Deeb with the 477th Point of Light Award for his leadership and inspiration for Youth Appreciation in this role; and*

**WHEREAS:** *Mr. Edward D. Deeb Deeb was nationally recognized by the United States Senate Investigations Committee for the work he did in the aftermath of the 1967 Detroit riots, documenting damage to food stores. Later he worked to quell tensions between Arab and Chaldean store owners and local African American communities saying, "Our communities need more cheerleaders and positive individuals;" and*

**WHEREAS:** *Mr. Edward D. Deeb was a leader of numerous Business and Community Organizations in Michigan He was a Past President and Board Member with The Guild at Ascension St. John Hospital and Medical Center, United Way for Southeastern Michigan, Boy Scouts, Detroit Police Cadets, American Red Cross, The Dean's Advisory Council at U of M Dearborn, The Detroit Athletic Club, Belle Isle Conservancy, Detroit Police Department's Chief's Advisory Council, Crime Stoppers, and Eastern Market Corporation. Mr. Edward D. Deeb is listed in Who's Who of America and is the former editor of Corp! Magazine; and*

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**WHEREAS:** *Edward D. Deeb Avenue was named for this great man on Belle Isle in 2018. Edward Deeb Avenue is located near the site where Metro Detroit Youth Day is held each year. In 2021 Mr. Deeb published a book entitled "The Go-To Guy, the Life and Times of a Detroit Area Mover, Shaker and Peacemaker." The book was well received in the media; and included his role as a peacemaker in the community. Mr. Edward D. Deeb was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and Air Force Reserves and we thank him for his service of keeping us safe; and*

# Mr. Edward D. Deeb



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**WHEREAS:** Mr. Edward D. Deeb and his wife Joanne and their family resided in Grosse Pointe Shores for 40 years and he was quite involved in the community there. He served as a board member and past president of Barnes Elementary School PTO, (now Community Center), board member and past president of Parcels Middle School PTO, board member and past president of Grosse Pointe North High School Parents Club. In addition, he was board member and past president, Grosse Pointe PTA - PTO Council of Schools, past president of Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library, past president of the Grosse Pointe Library Association, co-founder and board member of Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation, a member of the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe and co-founder of Services for Older Citizens Grosse Pointe); and

**WHEREAS:** Mr. Edward D. Deeb and his wife Joanne had been married for over 58 years, most recently residing in Bloomfield Township, Michigan have two grown children and five grandchildren: His son George (Sarah) Deeb, and his children Natalie, Charles, and Jack of Cary, North Carolina. And his daughter Jennifer (Michael) Kluge, and her children Lyndsay and Maxwell of Grosse Pointe, Michigan. Mr. Edward D. Deeb is also survived by his sister, Marge Deeb, of St. Clair Shores, Michigan. Mr. Edward D. Deeb was preceded in death by his brother Raymond Deeb, and his parents George & Sarah (Mashour) Deeb. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED:** The Honorable Coleman A. Young II, Council Member At-Large #1, along with the Honorable Detroit City Council, Celebrates the Decades of Excellence in Leadership of Service to the Detroit Community and of the Communities throughout Southeastern Michigan of This Great Man, Thee Mr. Edward D. Deeb.

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~ Presented to the Loving & Devoted Family of The Great Mr. Edward D. Deeb ~

A.H. Peters Funeral Home ~ 20705 Mack Avenue Grosse Pointe Woods, MI ~ Sunday, September 7th 2025 ~ 2-7pm