

DETROIT CITY COUNCIL
Testimonial Resolution
In Memoriam

MR. ROBERT JAMES MAGEE SR.
SUNRISE: NOVEMBER 24, 1931 - SUNSET: FEBRUARY 15, 2022

WHEREAS Robert James Magee Sr. was born in Mississippi on November 24, 1931, one out of 14 children. He moved to Detroit in 1955 on a date at a time he commemorated annually by stopping by his drop off point. Robert loved Detroit for offering him new opportunities; **and**

WHEREAS Robert immediately began work near his drop off spot at Schaffer Iron and Steel. Upon leaving Schaffer, Robert established himself in business as a skilled house painter, Detroit elections precinct supervisor and as a part-time jitney offering discounted fares to the disabled and mostly women with small children looking for rides from the market. Robert expressed, he helped them because he had five daughters who may need help one day. Though his most important life work, outside of his family, was with his home church, the Glorious Church of God Apostolic, where his brothers pastored. He served 60 years in that church in various capacities including as Deacon, Sunday School Superintendent, Treasurer and Head Trustee; **and**

WHEREAS Robert Magee is the father to six children, all of them college educated although due to family responsibilities he dropped out of school in the third grade. Sometimes, he would have to drive most of his siblings to different schools in the morning to insure they were on-time, a practice he continued with his grandchildren. He lived at the same residence in Detroit for 53 years becoming a pillar of and the longest resident on his block in Northwest Detroit; **and**

WHEREAS Robert Magee was the oldest living Magee with over 400 Magee's living in Detroit and the surrounding Detroit area. Robert James Magee was married to Helen Marie (Hartgrove) Magee for 44 years. Most of his children still live and work in and around Metro Detroit. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED That Council Member Fred Durhal III and members of the Detroit City Council, hereby expresses its condolences and joins with family and friends in honoring the legacy of **MR. ROBERT JAMES MAGEE, SR.** He will be greatly missed and his contributions to his community and church family will live on forever.

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