

DETROIT CITY COUNCIL

Testimonial Resolution

Mr. Frank Hammer

WHEREAS, Frank Hammer has dedicated nearly 60 years of his life to building democratic movements in varied contexts - as a university student, a member of his union (UAW), in the Greenacres community and, more generally, in Detroit where he has resided for over 40 years, including:

- Organizing a rank-and-file union caucus at the General Motors Powertrain plant in Warren, where he was elected by co-workers to represent his 3,500-member Local 909 as a Bargaining Chairman and President for nearly 12 years, and was then appointed to serve as a UAW-GM International Representative for six years;
- Elected to represent Greenacres residents on the Greenacres Woodward Civic Association (GWCA) Board of Directors for over 10 years, including one term as President, and serving in a variety of capacities including event organizer, newsletter editor, volunteer video and photo documentarian of GWCA-sponsored activities, and more;
- Appointed by Michigan Governor Snyder to represent the GWCA on the 5-member State Fairgrounds Advisory Committee for 3 years, and continuing to serve the GWCA as Chair of the Ad Hoc Fairgrounds Development Committee for another 7 years;
- Elected Co-Chair of the State Fairgrounds Development Coalition (SFDC) for 10 years, during which time he advocated for the award-winning, grassroots inspired, METAeXPO 21st Century development proposal for the site of the former Michigan State Fair;
- Advocacy for regional, national, and global solidarity joining with other pro-democracy advocates in El Salvador, Colombia, Brazil, Mexico, Germany, India and South Africa in a quest of a more peaceful, inclusive, equitable and just world; and
- Advocacy for the conversion of the fossil-fuel based economy to renewable energy and carbon neutral infrastructure for a sustainable planet for 14 years; **AND**

WHEREAS, In these and other endeavors Frank Hammer has been guided by democratic values in joining with others to give expression to the collective aspirations of working class, minority, and community voices, always acting to inform and educate those whom he served, and often willing to challenge those with a stake in keeping the status quo.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway, the Detroit City Council, and Detroiters hereby celebrates and honors the legacy of service and advocacy of Mr. Frank Hammer.

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