

DETROIT CITY COUNCIL

Testimonial Resolution

JOSIE WILLIAMS-BELL

Jurisdictional Supervisor of Michigan Southwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

REAS

Josie Williams-Bell was born in Louisiana to the union of John and Hattie Smith. She was the eighth of fifteen children. By the age of seventeen, she graduated from Hopewell High School, married, and moved to Detroit, Michigan. She found employment at General Motors and retired after twenty-seven years. During her time with the company, she implemented prayer and bible study on the rooftop; and

REAS

Josie Williams-Bell exemplifies a virtuous woman of faith. She has been steadfast in her studies and growth in Christ. Over the years she has studied at the William Tyndale Bible College, Bible Way Institute and the Dale Carnegie School for Leadership and Public Speaking. She also took the Catechism Adult Bible Course Understanding God and His Covenant at Wayne State University and earned a Certification in Special Needs; and

REAS

Josie Williams-Bell is a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. As the matriarch of the family is has raised thirteen children with biblical awareness and loving hands. She is the wife of Elder Jesse G. Bell the founder and Pastor of New Jerusalem Church of God in Christ where she serves as the Administrative Assistant; and

REAS

Josie Williams-Bell has dedicated her life to Christ. Over the years she has held many positions at the local, district, jurisdiction, state, and national levels. She has served as the Chief Executive Officer and Chairwoman of the Women Department, District Missionary, Jurisdictional Supervisor of Michigan Southwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, Chairperson of the Executive Board of the Women Department and Ways N Means, Expeditor of the Finance committee, Program committee, and Women's Convention Coordinator. She also held many appointed positions throughout her Christian walk; and

REAS

Josie Williams-Bell is very active in her community. She hosted vacation bible school, summer programs with free meals, and back to school rallies that included free haircuts, hair styling, school supplies and more. She implemented a scholarship program, member appreciation day, and homemade hats and gloves initiative. She even partnered with Primerica Financial Services to offer workshops for families; and

IEREAS

Josie Williams-Bell is acknowledged as a woman of honor and valor. Today we gather to celebrate her years of service to our community and church family; **THEREFORE, BE IT**

SOLVED

That the Office of Councilman Scott Benson and the Detroit City Council congratulates *Mother Josie Williams-Bell* on her appointment to Jurisdictional Supervisor of Michigan Southwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction under the leadership of Bishop James L. Whitehead, Jr. 'Job well done teaching, mentoring, and spreading the Gospel of Christ. May God continue to bless your future endeavors.

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