

DETROIT CITY COUNCIL

Testimonial Resolution

Rebecca M. Lockridge

Devoted and beloved community member celebrating 100 Years of Life

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure and privilege that we, the members of the Detroit City Council, recognize and bestow honor upon Rebecca M. Lockridge, born one hundred years ago on July 24, 1922 in Columbia, Tennessee and now, an active and longtime resident of the City of Detroit; and

WHEREAS, After moving to Detroit with her sister Martha in 1944, Rebecca M. Lockridge married Albert B. Lockridge on December 16, 1946, and from this union produced five children – all of whom live in the metro Detroit area – and now, four grandchildren and several great and great-great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca M. Lockridge and her late husband, Albert, established long-standing and deep-rooted community ties by purchasing a home in Detroit in 1950. Together, they served as members of the Midwest Civic Council of Block Clubs and Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, amongst other groups.

WHEREAS, Rebecca M. Lockridge worked diligently as a career counselor at Chadsey High School for more than twenty (20) years guiding students in their college and career pursuits, and was an outstanding seamstress who created and repaired clothes and industrial products; and

WHEREAS, After her retirement, Rebecca M. Lockridge participated for more than thirty (30) years in a local exercise group. She attributes her good health to having honored her late parents, Will and Etta Norwood, being a devout follower of God, caring for others, and having been born and raised on a farm, where she developed a love for nature and the simple things in life, such as taking care of animals and growing fresh fruits and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca M. Lockridge continues to enjoy the sun and cooking healthy meals, and looks forward to visits with family and friends; and

WHEREAS, According to her family doctor, Rebecca M. Lockridge is projected to have the stamina and vigor to reach the ripe old age of 135. To this day, Rebecca M. Lockridge participates in various activities such as offering prayers and advice by phone, video, and online conference meetings and Prayer Partner Sessions. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Office of Council Member Gabriela Santiago-Romero and the Detroit City Council, hereby joins with family and friends to honor the long life and legacy of Rebecca M. Lockridge at her 100th birthday, a celebration to wish her many more healthy and fruitful years ahead.

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July 24, 2022

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