## DETROIT CITY COUNCIL

## Testimonial Resolution PAUL WIMBERLEY, JR.

May 13, 1920 – July 28, 2022 In Memoriam

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Paul Wimberley, Jr. moved to the City of Detroit in 1923 at the age of two. He received his formal education from Trowbridge Elementary, Garfield Junior High, and Cass Technical High School. He was celebrated as the oldest living gradate in his class; and

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WHEREAS

Paul Wimberley, Jr. was a devoted husband and father. He married the love of his life Sallie Lee Morris on December 24, 1941. This union was blessed with two sons; Jerome Carver and Bruce Paul. Together they remained in holy matrimony for fifty-eight years. He enjoyed traveling, gardening, and was a self-proclaimed vintner, who grew grapes and created delectable wines for the palette. He was also an avid bike rider and swimmer. From 1988-2008 he swam at the Coleman A. Young Recreation Center and won several senior swim competitions; and

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WHEREAS

It being the will of our Lord to call our beloved home after a long life of service, Paul Wimberley, Jr. transitioned from this life, from labor to reward on July 28, 2022; **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** 

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Councilman Scott Benson and the Detroit City Council expresses their deepest condolences and share the sympathy in the loss of your loved one, *Paul Wimberley*, *Jr*. Your loss is heaven's gain. May God bless and comfort you during this time and always.

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