

Testimonial Resolution

Mary Culler

President of The Ford Motor Fund
Innovation breeds Innovation

The Honorable Coleman A. Young II, Council Member At-Large Recognizes the Exceptional Accomplishments and Extraordinary Success of The Phenomenal Mary Culler

WHEREAS: Mary Culler is the President of the Ford Motor Company Fund and oversees the company's philanthropic investments through Signature Ford Programs and Employee Support Volunteerism outreach in more than 50 countries; and additionally advances the Ford Motor Fund strategic priorities shaping internal and external engagement in the specific areas of sustainability, innovation in smart mobility, autonomous driving and corporate citizenship. Mary Culler believes and states that Innovation breeds innovation; and

WHEREAS: Mary Culler oversaw Chicago's industrial development and was tapped to be the Director of Ford Motor Company's Global Public Policy Office in Dearborn when her path at Ford began. At Ford she was Regional Manager of the North Central Region's Government Relations Office, where she spearheaded the Ford's Operation Better World Community and Dealer Relations. Her successes led to her becoming the Director of State and Local Government Affairs. In this role she managed engagement with policymakers throughout the nation on Ford's automotive issues as well as negotiated investment and job creation in states with Ford automotive plants; and

WHEREAS: Mary Culler's successes proved to be an asset to the Ford Motor Company, and became Chief of Staff to William Clay Ford, Jr., Executive Chairman of the Ford Motor Company. Ms. Culler's early work experience included management at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the National Brownfield Redevelopment Program, which prepared her for the role of Ford's Detroit Development Director and Project Manager for the \$800,000,000 Ford investment in Detroit's Michigan Central Station Redevelopment Project and other Ford properties throughout Corktown; a strategically important priority for the creation of jobs and opportunities for Detroit and the region, as Ms. Culler developed the crucial partnership in innovation and technology between Ford and Google; and

WHEREAS: Mary Culler's educational background includes a Harvard University Master's Degree in Public Administration that was preceded by a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism and French from Indiana University at Bloomington; and

WHEREAS: Mary Culler has always believed in the importance of volunteer service to the community and is a member of several civic organization boards including, but not limited to the following: Business Leaders for Michigan, the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, the Detroit Economic Club, the Downtown Detroit Partnership, the Detroit Institute of Arts, and the Motown Museum. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: The Honorable Coleman A. Young II, Council Member At-Large along with Council President Mary Sheffield and President Pro-Tempore James Tate, along with the entire Honorable Detroit City Council Members celebrate the excellence in accomplishments, in technology and innovation, that are the result of the lifelong drive and focused vision of Mary Culler. WE applaud your success and thank you for your phenomenal work that serves to provide greater opportunities for the Citizens of Detroit, as President of the Ford Motor Fund.

Handwritten signatures of Council members: James Tate, Mary Sheffield, Mary Waters, Coleman A. Young II, Angela Whitfield Calloway, Scott B..., Katispa Johnson, Gabriela Santiago-Romero, and another member.

Presented on October 4, 2022

DATE

At The Formal Council Session