

Testimonial Resolution

James L. Whitehead Jr.

June 6, 1942 – March 8, 2023

In Memoriam

WHEREAS

James L. Whitehead Jr. was born June 6, 1942, to his loving mother, Ella Barbara Gillespie Whitehead, and hardworking father James L. Whitehead Sr. As the only son, James studied and expanded his knowledge. James attended various colleges, one of them being Wayne State University. He earned an Associate of Arts, Bachelor's degree, Master of Social Work, and a Master of Divinity; **and**

WHEREAS

James L. Whitehead Jr. showed dedication to serving different aspects of the church from 1960 to 1984. He held the position of State Dean of Sunday School for Michigan Southwest Second Jurisdiction, while working under the leadership of Bishop John Seth Bailey. He also served as Youth Minister at Hinsley Temple COGIC and helped to grow the second largest youth department in the state **and**

WHEREAS

James L. Whitehead Jr. greatest honors of his ministry was when he delivered the Quadrennial Sermon for the inauguration of Bishop Gilbert E. Patterson, the General Board, and the installation of the National Church Officials in 2005; **and**

WHEREAS

James L. Whitehead Jr. found the love of his life Mollie Ann Cannon. They were married on August 3, 1974. This union was blessed with three accomplished children Gwen Lu'el, James Lee III, and Shekina Mary. He was also the proud grandfather of four wonderful grandchildren; **and**

WHEREAS

It being the will of our Lord to call our beloved home after a long life of service, Bishop James L. Whitehead Jr. transitioned from this life, from labor to reward on March 8, 2023; **THEREFORE, BE IT**

RESOLVED

That the Office of Councilman Scott Benson and the Detroit City Council honors the life of **Bishop James L. Whitehead Jr.** He was widely recognized as an exceptional scholar, theologian, a preacher of the gospel and a loving father. His legacy and impact will be forever remembered. May God bless and comfort your family during this difficult time.



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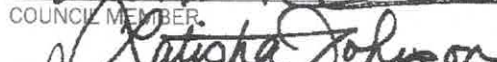
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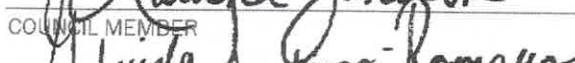
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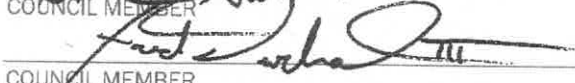
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March 15, 2023

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