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RESOLUTION 2020-07

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

**A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF
REV. WILLO EARLY**



WHEREAS, the Village of Oakwood sadly notes the passing of Oakwood resident, Rev. Willo Early, on January 18, 2020; and.

WHEREAS, Willo was born October 12, 1926 in Birmingham, Alabama to the late John and Anne Early and had three siblings; Sandy, Sam and Mary Lee, all deceased; and

WHEREAS, he moved to the Cleveland area in the 1940's and worked at Apex Foundry, retiring in 1993 after a long career; and

WHEREAS, Lola Mae was taken back by this handsome army veteran, when Willo visited the barber shop for a haircut. While trimming his hair, she asked for his phone number. From that, a courtship and life-long marriage flourished over 46 years until Lola's passing; and

WHEREAS, the two adopted seven children; Geraldine, Kenyon, Wayne, Nathaniel, Glenn, Judah, Joseph and changed their lives forever, along with the lives of many foster children; and

WHEREAS, when Willo gave his heart to the Lord, he committed his life to ministering and teaching others. He lived out what he taught and influenced every person he met. To his day, many young men refer to him affectionately as "dad" or "pops"; and

WHEREAS, His love of reading included studying the Word of God daily. He also enriched his life with watching Gunsmoke and Bonanza on TV as well as working crossword puzzles and telling jokes. He was known as the "King of Jokes", carrying a note pad everywhere he went which contained many jokes written within its covers; and

WHEREAS, he founded Mt. Hebron Missionary Baptist Church where he served many years. Although he was serious about sharing the truth in the Word of God, he was known to share a joke or two after a Sunday sermon. He was quoted to say "everyone needs to laugh, even in church"; and

WHEREAS, using his finely tuned carpentry skills, Willo built his home in Oakwood Village where he raised his family; and

WHEREAS, Willo enjoyed his wife's cooking, especially Lola's phenomenal baked chicken and rice with mushrooms and onions. After her passing, he cooked but mastered baking and his lemon meringue pie, pecan pie and pound cakes became family favorites; and

WHEREAS, Willo is surely tracking down a celestial Mr. Chicken that plays the background gospel music of Mahalia Jackson where he will find his beloved wife, Lola, downing some wings with a Pepsi, while engaging in her loves of crossword puzzles and crocheting afghans and footies, who will eternally spoil him with her scrumptious peach cobbler; and

WHEREAS, this godly man leaves a long legacy of a life well-lived with his children; Geraldine Rieves, Kenyon Early (Shirley), Wayne Carter, Nathaniel Early, Glenn Taylor, Judah Early and Joseph Early along with many foster children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, his church family, friends and neighbors; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio that:

SECTION 1. The Village of Oakwood, the Mayor, Village Council, and all elected and appointed officials express their most sincere condolences to the family of Rev. Willo Early and hope that the many warm memories of such a fine and caring person comforts them in their time of loss.

SECTION 2. The Clerk is hereby authorized to present a copy of this resolution to the family of Rev. Willo Early.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____
Johnnie Warren, President of Council

Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council

Presented to the
Mayor _____

Approved: _____

Mayor, Gary V. Gottschalk

I, Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2020-07 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2020.

Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council

POSTING CERTIFICATE

I, Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Resolution No. 2020-07 was duly posted on the _____ day of _____, 2020, and will remain posted for a period of fifteen (15) days thereafter in the Council Chambers and in not less than five (5) of the most public places in the municipality as determined by the Council of the said Village.

Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council

DATED: _____