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RESOLUTION 2020-09

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF PEARLINE BURKS



WHEREAS, lifelong Oakwood resident, Pearline Burks, passed away Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at the age of 87; and

WHEREAS, Pearline was born to the late Essie and Buren Clayton on July 11, 1932; and

WHEREAS, she graduated from John Adams High School in Cleveland, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, she married Wilbert Sylvester Burks who passed away in 2010, and from the union entered Arline, Bernard, Belinda, Darlene, Keith, Linda and Denise (deceased) and Lynne; and

WHEREAS, she and her husband were owners of Club Center in Cleveland where many dignitaries such as Martin Luther King Jr., Governors, Senators, Representatives, etc. visited; and

WHEREAS, Pearl and Wilbert ensured their children were well-rounded by attending church regularly, trying new things allowing the natural consequences to take place, establishing rules of the household included the cardinal rule; if you missed the bus to school, you walk. She wanted to make sure her children were self-sufficient and self-reliant teaching them basic carpentry and electrical skills, how to live off the land by planting and caring for a garden, cooking, cleaning and many other skills, all the while teaching them how the world works; even politics; and

WHEREAS, when the older children started college, Pearl maintained that taking care of a younger sibling was helpful in keeping the older ones out of trouble so she would take her grownup, college-bound, children to college and leave a few of the younger ones with them, knowing that doing so would keep them all out of trouble and teach them responsibility. Her message when leaving was always the same; I better find them the way I left them when I come back; and

WHEREAS, although she was afraid of heights, Pearl loved to travel. Annually the family took a vacation packing everyone in a station wagon driving to Canada, the southern states, western states, and other places but, it was always by car; and

WHEREAS, when she did visit other countries and had to fly, her grown children would get her a ticket on the Concord to make the trip shorter. She was always thankful to be the first one off the plane; and

WHEREAS, living by the mantra of once a mother always a mother; she was insistent her grown children let her know what they were doing and if they were traveling to call home once they arrived. One time, when one of her children flew from France to New York City and she hadn't heard from them, she had her bags packed ready to take a plane to find them, even though she dreaded the flight. Nothing would stop her from taking care of her family; and

WHEREAS, in her spare time, she planted and cared for her flowers. She loved cooking for her family with some of the favorites being her fried chicken, homemade macaroni and cheese; and

WHEREAS, we are certain, Pearl is now heading for the celestial Cleveland Municipal Stadium where she will find her beloved Wilbert in the Cleveland Browns locker room engaged in some serious pinochle with his favorite players, Otto Graham, Lou Groza, Marion Motley, Bill Willis and Lenny Ford, where she can spoil her sweetheart for all eternity, with her signature chitlins, greens and black eyed peas followed by her scrumptious blackberry pie topped by a generous dollop of vanilla ice cream; and

WHEREAS, this strong, loving, caring Super Mom has left a legacy with her children; Arline Gant, Bernard Burks, Belinda Barnes, Darlene Harris, Keith Burks, Linda Burks and Lynne Bell, her fifteen grandchildren, her twenty great grandchildren, her great great grandchild, her special friend; Mrs. Ivory, her Aunt Naomi and many who loved and respected her; and


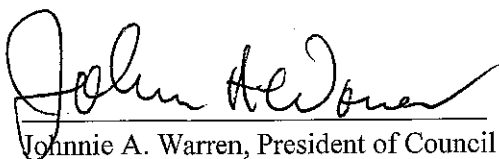
NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT by the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The Village Council and Mayor wish to express their most sincere condolences to the family of Pearline Burks and hope the fond memories of such a fine, caring person comforts them in their loss.

SECTION 2. The Clerk is hereby authorized to present a copy of this resolution to the family of Pearline Burks.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approved by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: January 28, 2020



 Johnnie A. Warren, President of Council