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RESOLUTION 2020-74

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF
ODELL WOMACK**



WHEREAS, longtime Oakwood resident, Odell Womack, passed away August 17, 2020 at the age of 85; and

WHEREAS, Odell was born January 8, 1935 in Denmark, Tennessee to the late James A. Womack and Roberta Carruthers Womack. He was the second oldest of eight children with four siblings preceding him in death; and

WHEREAS, at an early age, he accepted Christ and joined the Cerro Gordo Baptist Church in Jackson, Tennessee. He continued in his faith his entire life; and

WHEREAS, serving in the U.S. Army during peace time, he was honorably discharged in May 1955. Thereafter he moved to Cleveland and was employed at several businesses including Anchor Rubber Company and Chrysler Motor Company retiring after 30 years of faithful employment. During his retirement, he was highly active in his community; and

WHEREAS, he met the love of his life, Laura V. Tillman, and on May 13, 1961 the two were wed. To this union they had one daughter, Larissa Odeilya. Prior to Larissa’s birth, he joined his wife as a member of Beth-El African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. After her birth, the three traveled the country visiting every state except three (excluding Hawaii); and

WHEREAS, as a founding member of the Emmett D. Foster Male Chorus, at times he was taken to the “woodshed” for private lessons. He also served as Treasurer. Odell also served as a volunteer driver for “Rolling for Jesus” transporting adult members to conferences, Check-up meetings, Fifth Sunday Fellowships, and taking the youth to liturgical dance opportunities all throughout Ohio and Pennsylvania. He cared about the seniors in his community and would use his personal vehicle to transport them to doctor appointments, grocery stores, or any place there was a need. As one of the entourages of Rev. Hawkins with Jimmy Drake and the late Ellis Johnson, he visited the sick and shut-ins; and

WHEREAS, he was also an active bowler on the Cape Cod Bowling League. He would also frequent the Oakwood Community Center where he met with a group of close-knit friends. He participated in every trip offered by the Village. Odell also enjoyed gardening and sharing fruits of his labor with friends, neighbors, and members of Beth-El; and

WHEREAS, Odell Womack leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife, Laura V; his daughter, Larissa Odeilya of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; his two brothers, Lee and Harry both of

Elgin, Illinois; his sister, Barbara Jean (Albert) Snoodly of Winfield, Illinois, along with a host of nieces, nephews, friends and church family; 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 Odell Womack 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 Odell Womack.

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: _____

Johnnie A. 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. 2020-74 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the ____ day of _____ 2020.

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 2020-74 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 (5) of the most public places in the municipality as determined by the Council of the said Village.

Clerk of Council

DATED: _____