

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 14, 2016

Throughout our history, America has advanced not only because of the will of our citizens or the vision of our leaders. America has also been driven forward by our paintings and poems, stories and songs, and dramas and dances. As the arts disrupt our views and enrich our lives, they stir within us a desire to be our best selves and inspire us to strive for a more perfect Union.

Weaving cultural elements from across the globe, our Nation's creative identity reflects the diversity of our people. Appealing to our common humanity, great works of art celebrate our differences and bring us together.

As you share in art's power to speak to us all, I wish you the very best.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be Barack Obama's signature, consisting of a large 'B' and 'O' followed by a stylized 'a' and 'm'.

DETROIT CITY COUNCIL

*Testimonial Resolution*

COMMUNITY CHORUS  
OF DETROIT  
(CCD)

**WHEREAS** Equipped with the mission of serving the Metro Detroit area with an emphasis on the City of Detroit, **Community Chorus of Detroit** is proudly representing Detroit in Paris, France during the month of October 2015; **and**

**WHEREAS** Community Chorus of Detroit is a diverse musical ensemble that welcomes all people. It was created in 2010 by its current Executive Director and Board President Diane Linn. Connecting with the vision of Diane Linn, Joseph Baldwin became the first Artistic Director and Conductor. He served in that position for two years. After the departure of Joseph Baldwin, a national search surfaced twelve qualified candidates. Edward Maki-Schramm was selected as the next Artistic Director and Conductor. He began an exciting new season with the Chorus in the summer of 2012; **and**

**WHEREAS** Community Chorus of Detroit members represent diversity, tolerance, and acceptance. They enjoy sharing their gifts with others by hosting four concerts per year. They have worked with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Metropolitan Opera affiliated soloists, and has established relationships with local public universities to assist with nurturing young musicians; **and**

**WHEREAS** Community Chorus of Detroit is also a champion for community service. They actively support programs that feed the hungry and homeless in the City of Detroit; **and**

**RESOLVED** That the Office of Councilman Scott Benson and Detroit City Council congratulates the Community Chorus of Detroit on your success. We know you will represent the City of Detroit well as you share your musical talents with the citizens of Paris, France. May God continue to bless your endeavors throughout the coming years.

*Brenda Jones*  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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*Raquel Castañeda-Josny*  
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October 5, 2015

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