

Edward James Peake, Jr.

WHEREAS, Edward James Peake, Jr. was a resident of Akron, Ohio from birth on January 19, 1933 until his death on June 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Peake was educated in the Akron Public School System, was a Finance major at the University of Akron and a dedicated community servant as a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Tau Chapter at the University of Akron, founder of Eta Tau Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha in Akron, a Life Member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and an Executive Board member of Alpha Phi Alpha Homes Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Peake was a life member of NAACP, serving on the National Ad Hoc Labor Committee and was a former Board member of the Akron Urban League, serving on the National Labor Advisory Committee for the National Urban League; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Peake received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army after serving as a Message Center Specialist-Signal Corp. and had a long and distinguished career, employed for 57 years with the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company and the United Rubber Workers/United Steel Workers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Peake was an active Service Representative for several local unions handling negotiations, arbitrations, stewards training and various other duties, and held several positions in the URW including Director of Pension and Insurance Department, Director of the Education Department, Chief Coordinator for the Goodyear Chain, and Assistant to the International President, Head of Arbitration; and


WHEREAS, Mr. Peake was a dedicated husband and father of six children, nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, always willing to share his love and fortune with his family and a good friend to many as he worked for the betterment of labor and civil rights conditions on both local and national levels.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known by all and declared by the Council of the County of Summit, State of Ohio that this Council wishes to express its thanks and gratitude to Mr. Edward James Peake, Jr. for his lifelong contribution to this community.

We urge all citizens to join in honoring Mr. Peake in memorium for his commitment to public service on this 6th day of June in the year 2009.



Nick Kostandaras
Council President


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District 5 Council Member