

## Resolution Honoring Ruben Burks

**Whereas Ruben Burks** was a pathbreaking United Auto Workers leader; and

**Whereas** he was the first African American International UAW Secretary-Treasurer, serving from 1998 to 2002.

**Whereas** his dedication to the labor movement and the Flint community began in 1955 as an assembler at General Motors; and

**Whereas** he was a fierce champion of social justice and the middle class; and

**Whereas** he was the Director of the Flint Urban League and Goodwill Industries, and actively participated in the Special Olympics, March of Dimes and the Red Cross; and

**Whereas** he was the founding Secretary-Treasurer of the Alliance for Retired Americans; and

**Whereas** his Alliance leadership contributed greatly to the growth and strength of the Alliance.

**Therefore, be it resolved** that the Alliance of Retired Americans mourns the loss of Ruben Burks and celebrates his life of achievement.