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.