



PROCLAMATION

- Whereas,* Dennis Archer, Sr. has embodied a life of dedicated public service for the betterment of the City of Detroit, the State of Michigan, and their citizens; and
- Whereas,* Dennis has a long history in public service both inside and outside of government; and
- Whereas,* Dennis has long been active in the organized bar, serving as president of the Wolverine Bar Association in 1979-80, the National Bar Association in 1983-84, and the State Bar of Michigan in 1984-85; and
- Whereas,* Dennis was an Associate Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court from 1985 to 1990, having been appointed to the bench by Governor Blanchard in 1985 and then being elected to an eight-year term the following year; and
- Whereas,* During Dennis' service as Mayor of the City of Detroit from 1994 to 2002 he received local, national, and international recognition for changing Detroit's direction and image and helping to bring about major new development such as the Compuware Headquarters, and the Comerica Park and Ford Field sports facilities; and
- Whereas,* Dennis brought national and international acclaim to the city and state with honors such as Michigan Lawyers Weekly's "Most Respected Judge in Michigan" in 1990, *Governing* magazine's "Public Official of the Year" in 2000, and was elected president of the American Bar Association in 2003-04; and
- Whereas,* Dennis continued to serve the citizens and businesses of Detroit and Michigan after leaving public office by serving on the Western Michigan University Board of Trustees and the boards of the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, Johnson Controls, Inc., Compuware Corporation, and Masco Corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Citizens Research Council celebrates Dennis Archer, Sr.'s accomplishments and honors him with the "Eugene A. Gargaro Jr. Public Service Award" on this Thursday, October 7, 2021.