

DETROIT CITY COUNCIL

Testimonial Resolution

AVINASH RACHMALE

WHEREAS

Avinash Rachmale was born in a small village near Bombay, India. Although his parents could neither read nor write, they instilled a sense of purpose in him and his siblings. After attending college in his native country, Rachmale immigrated to the United States and chose Detroit as his new home. He earned a Master of Science degree in environmental engineering and certification in hazardous waste management in 1989 from Wayne State University. After working for other engineering firms, Rachmale founded his own firm, Lakeshore Engineering Services, with business consultant Thomas Hardiman, Sr. in 1994; and

WHEREAS

Rachmale sees limitless possibilities for infrastructure improvement, preservation of historic buildings and creation of jobs in the city of Detroit. His firm, which is headquartered in Detroit's New Center area, has 18 offices around the country and across the globe. One of Lakeshore's first Detroit projects was the renovation and purchase of the historic building at the corner of Woodward Avenue and East Grand Boulevard. The multi-million dollar renovation helped lure numerous small businesses back to the New Center area. This is another example of Rachmale's commitment to the city of Detroit; and

WHEREAS

U.S. Military contracts comprise most of Lakeshore's extensive construction portfolio. The company has designed and built numerous military command stations and other structures in Iraq and Afghanistan. Aside from owning and operating a business that exceeds \$150 million in revenue, Rachmale is equally devoted to giving back to the community. His company's non-profit arm, Lakeshore Economic Coalition (LEC) is raising funds for the Rosa Parks Geriatric Center at Detroit Receiving Hospital. LEC developed a job training program for ex-offenders that has helped them secure jobs. It also sponsors an annual holiday food giveaway and gives to numerous charities, as well as several cultural and educational programs for underserved children specifically in the Indian and African-American communities of metro Detroit ; and

WHEREAS

Avinash Rachmale has received numerous awards and honors, including induction into the Wayne State University Engineering School Hall of Fame, the U.S. SBA Small Business Person of the Year award and many more. Rachmale and Lakeshore have been profiled in numerous newspaper and magazine articles. Most recently he was profiled in a two-hour television presentation on "Our India Story" on WXYZ-TV Detroit. The show chronicled Rachmale's personal journey from India to America and shined the spotlight on the success of Lakeshore Engineering Services, Inc. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED

That the entire Detroit City Council hereby congratulates Avinash Rachmale on your great accomplishments toward the city of Detroit. Your values, commitment, dedication and love represent the sprit of Detroit. May you continue your leadership and great success as you serve as a Businessman in the city of Detroit.

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