

BY ALDS. COGGS, HAMILTON, BOHL, STAMPER, BORKOWSKI, WITKOWSKI, PEREZ, LEWIS, RAINEY, JOHNSON

Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Willie Wade Jr., who passed from this life on July 10, 2017.

WHEREAS,

WILLIE L. WADE JR.

passed from this life at the age of 69 on July 10, 2017, and funeral services were held on July 15, 2017 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 2207 N. 2nd St.; and

WHEREAS, *Born in Arkansas on July 29, 1947 to the union of Willie Wade, Sr. and Ruby Wade, Willie Wade Jr. was the first of six children and relocated to Milwaukee with his family in 1959 where he graduated from Roosevelt Middle School and then Lincoln High School in 1965 where he was a champion runner in the 440 meter race and earned the nickname “Rabbit”; and*

WHEREAS, *Willie Wade Jr. married his wife, Thelma Wade, in 1973 in Forrest City, Arkansas and their union was blessed with seven children; and*

WHEREAS, *Willie Wade Jr. graduated from Bryant and Stratton Technical College and began to work for the Falk Corporation where he was employed for 41 years until his retirement; and*

WHEREAS, *Willie Wade Jr. was a loving and caring family man and was a devoted husband, father and grandfather, and loved cars and racing them as he would race his cars at Great Lakes Dragaway and enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing basketball and baseball, bowling, and playing cards, and was a devout member of the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, serving as chairman of the deacon’s board, attending Sunday School, Bible Study, and prayer meeting regularly and serving as president of the Male Chorus; and*

WHEREAS, *Willie Wade Jr. leaves to cherish his memory; his loving wife, Thelma Wade; father, Willie Wade Sr.; siblings, Ruby Mallett, Bobbie Wade, Charles Wade, Wilma Lee, Diane Wade; sister-in-law, Ethel Horton; his children, Elmarie Horton, Nicole Conery, Adriana Smith, Willette Hurst, Willie Wade, Lajuandra Wade-Wren, and Maurice Wade; three godchildren, 25 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other extended family and friends; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its condolences to the family and friends of Willie L. Wade Jr., recognizes his lasting impact on his community and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this fine, upstanding man; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Willie L. Wade Jr.*

Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, Ashanti Hamilton, Jim Bohl, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey and Cavalier Johnson and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on July 31, 2017.