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Resolution congratulating Calvary Baptist Church, the oldest African American Baptist Church in Milwaukee, on its 130th church anniversary.

WHEREAS,

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

celebrated its 130th anniversary during special services on September 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, *Calvary Baptist Church, 2959 N Teutonia Ave, Wisconsin's oldest African American Baptist congregation, was founded in 1895 and has remained a steadfast presence in Milwaukee for 130 years; and*

WHEREAS, *Calvary has long served as a beacon of faith, justice, and service in the Harambee neighborhood and beyond, offering worship, teaching, and outreach that support youth, families, and community empowerment; and*

WHEREAS, *Under the leadership of Reverend Dr. John R. Walton, Jr., Calvary continues its mission of "Dreaming God-Sized Dreams: Rebuilding Families in 53206," providing hope, healing, and transformation; and*

WHEREAS, *In 2025, Calvary Baptist Church celebrates its 130th Anniversary, honoring a proud legacy while inspiring future generations; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates and commends Calvary Baptist Church on its 130th Anniversary and wishes its continued blessings and prosperity; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Calvary Baptist Church as a token of the City's appreciation for its historic and ongoing contributions.*

Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, José G. Pérez, Robert Bauman, Peter Burgelis, DiAndre Jackson, Sharlen P. Moore, Andrea M. Pratt, Mark Chambers, Jr., Lamont Westmoreland, JoCasta Zamarripa, Scott Spiker, Larresa Taylor, Alex Brower and Russell W. Stamper, II and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on October 14, 2025.

