

BY ALDS. HAMILTON, HINES, BOHL, COGGS, KOVAC

Resolution recognizing Dr. Rev. Sandy L. Johnson on his retirement from Northside Church of God.

WHEREAS,

REV. DR. SANDY L. JOHNSON

retired with pride and satisfaction from his years of distinguished work and ministry at Northside Church of God, 4858 N. 19th St., on June 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, *Rev. Dr. Sandy L. Johnson served as senior pastor of Northside Church of God for 48 years, providing valuable services for countless youth, adults and senior citizens; and*

WHEREAS, *Rev. Dr. Sandy L. Johnson made it his mission to tend to his flock and to serve his church members, and his services were known for their unique qualities, helping at-risk families contribute to anti-crime programming, and encouraging youth members to pursue college education and to strive for higher education and academic advancement; and*

WHEREAS, *Rev. Dr. Sandy L. Johnson was raised and educated in Ohio and Indiana, and was called to the ministry in 1951 in Cincinnati, Ohio and served as senior pastor at Fosdick Church of God and was later called to serve his country in the U.S. Army for three years and worked as a social worker, cultivating experiences that have clearly served him well in his religious vocation; and*

WHEREAS, *Rev. Dr. Sandy L. Johnson was presented with a honorary doctorate from Mid America Bible College in Oklahoma City, and served as chair of the Ministers' Assembly of Wisconsin Church of God, was a member of the Board of Elders of Kenosha Church of God and served various other regional boards; and*

WHEREAS, *Rev. Dr. Sandy L. Johnson worked to connect families with services and sought an active role in the community, helping plan neighborhood gang and crime prevention youth marches and conducting "Praise in the Park" gatherings to foster community togetherness; and*

WHEREAS, *An excellent mentor and humanitarian, Rev. Dr. Sandy L. Johnson taught the "Reclaim the Street" youth program at the Lincoln Park Community Center, Inc.; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Rev. Dr. Sandy L. Johnson on his retirement from Northside Church of God, and wishes for him a happy and healthy future; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Rev. Dr. Sandy L. Johnson.*

Introduced by Common Council members Ashanti Hamilton, Willie L. Hines, Jr., Jim Bohl, Nik Kovac and Milele A. Coggs and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on July 2, 2013.