

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

Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Beechie O. Brooks, who passed from this life on March 22, 2017.

WHEREAS,

BEECHIE O. BROOKS

passed from this life on March 22, 2017, and services were held for family and friends on Saturday, April 1 at St. Mark A.M.E. Church, 1616 W. Atkinson Ave.; and

WHEREAS, *Born in Wynne, Arkansas, Beechie O. Brooks was the youngest of 12 children to John and Minnie Brooks; and*

WHEREAS, *Beechie O. Brooks served in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946, received a star for his role in the Okinawa, Japan invasion and was afterward honorably discharged; and*

WHEREAS, *Beechie O. Brooks moved to Milwaukee to join his brothers and sisters, where he worked in masonry, building and construction and completed his education; and*

WHEREAS, *Beechie O. Brooks married Vernadine Jefferson Brooks in 1947 at St. Mark's A.M.E. Church, where he served as an active member and trustee for many years; and*

WHEREAS, *Beechie O. Brooks attended the Wisconsin School of Real Estate, earned his real estate broker's license in 1966, opened Beechie O. Brooks Realty Co. in 1968, built and opened a car wash in 1971 and became president of the newly-merged United Realty Group in 1977; and*

WHEREAS, *Beechie O. Brooks held leadership roles in the NAACP and several real estate organizations, earning the distinction of Realtor Emeritus from the National Association of Realtors in 2007 for 40 consecutive years of membership and significant contributions to real estate in the Milwaukee community; and*

WHEREAS, *Beechie O. Brooks leaves to cherish his memory his daughter Cassandra Brooks and many relatives 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 Beechie O. Brooks, recognizes his lasting impact on the 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 Beechie O. Brooks.*

Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, Khalif J. Rainey, Ashanti Hamilton, Jim Bohl, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis and Cavalier Johnson and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on April 18, 2017.