

BY ALDS. MURPHY, HAMILTON, DAVIS, COGGS, BAUMAN, KOVAC, BOHL, WITKOWSKI, PEREZ

Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Tamara Grigsby.

WHEREAS,

TAMARA GRIGSBY

passed from this life on March 15, 2016 at the age of 41, and funeral services were held on _Future funeral info_; and

WHEREAS, *Tamara Grigsby graduated from Madison Memorial High School (1992) and Howard University (B.S. 1997), and after earning her Master's in Social Work from UW-Madison in 2000, she began work as a family social worker in Milwaukee, where she was a strong advocate for children and families, mentored youth, assisted parents involved in the child welfare system, and empowered struggling families in Milwaukee's diverse communities; and*

WHEREAS, *Tamara Grigsby was elected 18th Assembly District Representative in 2004 (and was re-elected three times), and during her tenure was a member of the Legislature's powerful Joint Committee on Finance, served as Vice Chair of the Minority Caucus, and formerly chaired the Wisconsin Assembly's Committee on Children and Families, and in 2006 won the award for Community Service Dedication from Voices Behind Bars for her efforts and advocacy on restorative justice and ex-offender reintegration issues; and*

WHEREAS, *Tamara Grigsby's leadership was recognized by various organizations, including the Flemming Leadership Institute and the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL), and in 2010 was named Legislator of the Year by the Black Child Development Association, and separately by the Urban Economic Development Association of Wisconsin; and*

WHEREAS, *Tamara Grigsby served as a member and leader in several organizations, including the NAACP, the National Association of Social Workers, the Felmers Chaney Advisory Board, Midwest Progressive Elected Officials Network, the Sherman Park Community Association, Justice 2000, the Milwaukee Fair Housing Council, and Community Advocates; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its condolences to the family and friends of Tamara Grigsby and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this fine leader and woman; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Tamara Grigsby.*

Introduced by Common Council members, Michael J. Murphy, Ashanti Hamilton, Joe Davis, Sr., Milele A. Cogg, Robert J. Bauman, Jim Bohl, Nik Kovac, Terry L. Witkowski and José G. Pérez and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on March 29, 2016.