

BY ALD. DAVIS

Resolution welcoming Nigerian First Lady Dame (Dr.) Patience Faka Jonathan and congratulating her on the occasion of her recognition by Valparaiso University.

WHEREAS,

FIRST LADY DAME (DR.) PATIENCE FAKA JONATHAN

was recognized and honored by Valparaiso University on May 14, 2014 in a ceremony at the Trump Towers in Chicago, Ill.; and

WHEREAS, *As the First Lady of Nigeria, Dame (Dr.) Patience Faka Jonathan has worked tirelessly to further the socioeconomic well-being of the youth and women of Nigeria, investing herself in philanthropic and charity works that combat poverty, disease and underdevelopment, including efforts to establish soup kitchens, offer educational scholarships to children in need and provide medical care and support to children with heart conditions; and*

WHEREAS, *Born in Port Harcourt, Dame Patience Jonathan obtained the National Certificate of Education in Mathematics and Biology from the Rivers State College of Arts and Science and went on to the University of Port Harcourt to study Biology and Psychology, before beginning a career as a teacher at the Stella Maris College and going on to become administrator at Sports Institute Isake, eventually going on to work for the Bayelsa State Ministry of Education, becoming a permanent secretary; and*

WHEREAS, *Recognized locally, nationally and internationally for her philanthropic work and political pragmatism, Dame Patience Jonathan has been the recipient of awards and honors including the “Beyond The Tears” International Humanitarian Award recognizing her role in the fight against HIV and AIDS, the African Goodwill Ambassador Award, the “Wind of Change” Award, the International award for Excellence from the Yitzhak Rabin Centre, the Award for Excellence from the Christian Women Fellowship and the “Defender of the Poor” Award from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith welcomes First Lady Dame (Dr.) Patience Faka Jonathan, congratulates her on the occasion of her recognition by Valparaiso University and wishes for her continued health, happiness and success in all her future endeavors; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to First Lady Dame (Dr.) Patience Faka Jonathan.*

Introduced by Common Council member Joe Davis, Sr. and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on May 13, 2014.