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Resolution offering condolences to the family and friends of Willie Eugene Wade Sr.

WHEREAS,

WILLIE EUGENE WADE SR.

passed from this life on September 21, 2023 at the age of 99, and was laid to rest on October 7, 2023 during services at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Milwaukee; and

***WHEREAS,** Willie Eugene Wade Sr. was born and raised in Forrest City, Arkansas, and attended Shady Grove Grade School, and moved to Little Rock, Arkansas where he lived until being drafted to serve in the U.S. Navy during World War II; and*

***WHEREAS,** Willie moved to Milwaukee in 1958 where he joined Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church and served as a deacon for over six decades, and Willie worked at Albert Trussel until he opened his grocery store: Wade's Superette, and Wade's Superette became a staple in the community at 14th and Keefe Avenue, and he provided free food to those in need, and allowed residents in-store credit when they did not have enough to purchase items; and*

***WHEREAS,** Willie will be remembered as a father, great grandfather, grandfather, husband, and for his service to the community, and he leaves behind memories for all who knew him to cherish; and*

***WHEREAS,** Willie Eugene Wade Sr. leaves behind his daughters, Ruby (Joe) Mallett, Bobbie Wade, Wilma Lee, and Diane Wade; daughter in laws, Thelma Wade and Betty Wade; more than 20 grandchildren, more than 60 great grandchildren, more than 10 great-great grandchildren, and his blended family of eight children, 17 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren, and many loving family and friends; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith offers its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Willie Eugene Wade Sr., and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this fine man; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of the resolution be presented to the family of Willie Eugene Wade Sr.*

Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, Khalif J. Rainey, Lamont Westmoreland, Jonathan Brostoff, Andrea Pratt, Scott Spiker, Mark Chambers, Jr., Robert J. Bauman, Mark A. Borkowski, JoCasta Zamarripa, José Pérez and Russell W. Stamper, II and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on October 10, 2023