

BY ALDS. HINES, DAVIS, AND HAMILTON

*Resolution congratulating Bishop John Henry Sheard on his excellence in leadership as Bishop of the First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Michigan Southwest, and Chairman of the Board of Bishops of the Church of God in Christ.*

**WHEREAS,**

**BISHOP JOHN HENRY SHEARD**

*was honored as Bishop of the First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Michigan Southwest and Chairman of the Board of Bishops of the Church of God In Christ during a celebration on September 19, 2013; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Bishop John Henry Sheard., was born to O.S. Sheard, a pioneer in the Church of God in Christ who pastored in the first Church of God in Christ, following in his fathers footsteps he rose from these beginnings in rural Mississippi, he moved to Detroit, Michigan as a youth and his excellence in faith and leadership never faltered allowing for his rise through the churches ranks and consecration as Bishop of the First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Michigan Southwest by the General Board of the Church of God In Christ where he has served for 17 years; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Bishop John Henry Sheard's leadership has led to tremendous improvements in his jurisdiction, including Bailey Cathedral, one of the largest historical church structures in the City of Detroit which had fallen into disrepair, it is now renovated and restored, a tremendous financial task only to be completed through his commitment to maintaining the heritage of the Church and his Jurisdiction; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Bishop John Henry Sheard has been married to Mother Willie Mae Sheard for over 53 years, and has two sons in the ministry, Bishop J. Drew Sheard and Elder Ethan B. Sheard, he also holds three degrees from Wayne State University and taught at Detroit Public Schools for over twenty years; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Bishop John Henry Sheard serves as an example of the highest integrity, possessing exemplarily leadership skills with which he serves as Chairman of the Board to 200 Bishops throughout the world, he was honored as Bishop of the Year for 2009 by the Ohio Southern Christian Leadership Conference amongst many other accolades; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes Bishop John Henry Sheard as an outstanding man and leader of the as Bishop of the First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Michigan Southwest and Chairman of the Board of Bishops Church of God In Christ, and wishes him happiness and success in all his endeavors.*

**Introduced by Alderman Willie L. Hines, Jr. and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 4, 2013.**