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*Resolution commending the memory of Ms. Sandra Parks and expressing the City of Milwaukee's condolences to her family and friends.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **MS. SANDRA PARKS**

*was taken from this life on the evening of Monday, November 19, 2018, when several shots were fired through her bedroom window; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Ms. Parks was an eighth grader at Keefe Avenue School and was known as a kind, friendly, and outgoing person who cared for her family, friends, and community; and*

**WHEREAS,** *When just a sixth grader, Ms. Parks authored an essay entitled "Our Truth" on the effects of violence on her community; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Ms. Parks' wrote, with a wisdom well beyond her years, that, "(t)he truth is faith and hope in what people can do, has been lost in the poor choices we make. "We Shall Overcome" has been lost in the lie of who we have become! So now, the real truth is, we need to rewrite our story so that faith and hope for a better tomorrow, is not only within us, but we believe it and we put into actions.";*

**WHEREAS,** *Despite the violence and fear that swirled around her, Ms. Parks' had hope enough to write at the conclusion of her essay, "We must not allow the lies of violence, racism, and prejudice to be our truth. The truth begins with us. Instead of passing each other like ships in the night, we must fight until our truths stretch to the ends 'of the world.";* and

**WHEREAS,** *Ms. Parks leaves behind to cherish her memory, her mother, Bernice Parks, and many other family and friends; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the City commends the memory and spirit of Ms. Sandra Parks and expresses its sincere condolences to her family and friends; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Ms. Sandra Parks in her memory.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Russell W. Stamper, II, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey and Cavalier Johnson and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on November 27, 2018.**