

BY ALD. COGGS

Resolution recognizing and commending Torre Johnson, Sr. for reforming his life and serving as a mentor to today's troubled city youth.

WHEREAS,

TORRE JOHNSON, Sr.

confronted many life challenges thrown in his path, has turned his life around and now uses his story to support and inspire today's troubled urban youth; and

***WHEREAS,** Torre Johnson, Sr. lost his father at a young age, and became involved with gangs and drugs; and*

***WHEREAS,** After squandering his youth with years of repeated visits to correctional facilities, Torre Johnson, Sr. finally turned his life around in 2005 after one last arrest; and*

***WHEREAS,** Torre Johnson, Sr. now volunteers with Resurrection Power Ministries, visiting inmates in the very prisons where he has served time, has worked on anti-gang efforts, such as Project Safe Neighborhoods and the Safe Streets Initiative, sits on the city's Homicide Review Commission and has gained the respect of the city's law enforcement community, including police officers, prosecutors and City Hall staffers; and*

***WHEREAS,** Torre Johnson, Sr. has demonstrated a tremendous gift for connecting with troubled youth in Milwaukee and has been able to relate to them because of his own past; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes and commends Torre Johnson, Sr. for being an honest, straightforward and influential mentor to the city's youth, extends its sincere appreciation on behalf of the community and wishes for him continued health and happiness; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Torre Johnson, Sr., an exemplary model of a reformed citizen.*

Introduced by Common Council member Milele A. Coggs and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on April 9, 2013.