

BY ALD. COGGS

Resolution recognizing and congratulating Gloria Holley on the occasion of her 70th birthday.

WHEREAS,

GLORIA HOLLEY

celebrated an extraordinary milestone, her 70th birthday, on July 30, 2013, and a surprise birthday block party was held in celebration of her life, made possible through donations from her family, friends and local businesses, on July 27, 2013; and

***WHEREAS,** Gloria Holley was born on July 30, 1943 in Little Rock, Ark. and she relocated to Milwaukee with her three children in 1965 and began working for Schlitz Brewery, until it closed in 1981; and*

***WHEREAS,** In 1970, Gloria Holley, who is described as a caring, outgoing and brutally honest woman, purchased a home at 3720 North 6th St. and has continued living in this district ever since as the respected, infamous and unmistakable “mother” of the community; and*

***WHEREAS,** With a strong calling to help others, in 1997, Gloria Holley made a decision to make a bigger impact on society when she became a foster parent, offering a loving home for more children than she can count, and because of her selflessness, The Community Journal honored Ms. Holley in August 2012 with its “Neighbor of the Year” award; and*

***WHEREAS,** Overcoming hardships herself, Gloria Holley lost her only son to gun violence, and now advocates to reduce violence through mentoring neighborhood kids on what is right and educating everyone she meets; and*

***WHEREAS,** In her extraordinary and fulfilling life, Gloria Holley has blossomed into a leader in her community and remains an active and involved member of her community; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Gloria Holley on reaching her 70th birthday, extends its appreciation on behalf of the community and sends her its sincere wishes for continued health and happiness; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Gloria Holley in recognition of her 70th birthday.*

Introduced by Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 4, 2013.