

BY ALD. HAMILTON

Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Ruby Anita Ballard Young, who passed from this life on July 23, 2014.

WHEREAS,

RUBY ANITA BALLARD YOUNG

passed from this life at the remarkable age of 101 on July 23, 2014, and a celebration of her life was held at St. Mark A.M.E. Church, 1616 W. Atkinson Ave., on August 11, 2014; and

WHEREAS, *Born the eldest of seven children to David W. Ballard and Lura Cordelia Arrington in Montgomery, Alabama on January 6, 1913, Ruby Anita Ballard Young completed elementary and high school at Alabama State Normal School for Colored, graduated from Alabama State College for Negroes in 1932 and received her master's degree in Education from Columbia University School of Education in 1938, and went on to meet and marry Lt. Oscar Young of Milwaukee; and*

WHEREAS, *Dedicating herself to education, Ruby Anita Ballard Young began working as a teacher in Lanett, Alabama, and in a career that spanned decades, went on to work as a supervisor for Negro Schools in Dale County of Ozark, Alabama, a principal in Bisbee, Arizona, a principal in Ecarse and Detroit of Michigan, a case worker for the Milwaukee County Welfare Department, a teacher at Milwaukee's Ninth Street School, and the principal at Milwaukee's Lee Street, Hopkins Street and Allen Field schools, before her retirement in 1976; and*

WHEREAS, *In her retirement, Ruby Anita Ballard Young traveled Europe, Asia, Africa, the Caribbean, North America and Central America with her three best friends, and also gave generously of her time and talents to her church and her community, doing work for organizations including the NAACP, the Girl Scouts, Delta Kappa Gamma Honor Society, Phi Delta Kappa, Milwaukee Teacher's Education Association, United Negro College Fund, the Milwaukee Urban League Guild, the Northside YMCA, the V.E. Carters Education Center and the Cross Lutheran Church Senior Center; and*

WHEREAS, *Ruby Anita Ballard Young leaves to cherish her memory her sister Cherrye Janet Trotman; nieces Enid Trotman-Anyanwu, Eunice Francis, Edwina Beanum, Susan Jones and Anita Murrell; nephews Mark Ballard and Eric Jefferson; sister-in-law Velma Ballard; special friends Tabitha Mitcham, Carrie Banty, Juliana Rhoten, Pearlle Gambrelle, Deola Lyles and Shirley Smith and a whole host of other loving friends and family; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its condolences to the family and friends of Ruby Anita Ballard Young,*

recognizes her for her myriad contributions to the city and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this great woman; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Ruby Anita Ballard Young.*

Introduced by Common Council member Ashanti Hamilton and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 3, 2014.