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Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Erma Dell Bowles

WHEREAS,

ERMA DELL BOWLES

passed from this life on December 8, 2025 at the age of 102, and services were held for family and friends on December 27, 2025 at Canaan Baptist Church, 2975 N. 11th St.; and

WHEREAS, Erma Dell Bowles was born on December 22, 1922 in Alabama, and throughout her life she was known as many things, including a loving mother and grandmother, a woman of faith, and community and neighborhood activist, and a mentor and supporter to many; and

WHEREAS, Erma Dell Bowles and her family were one of the first African-American families in the Williamsburg Heights area of Milwaukee, and through her many decades of civic leadership, Erma would support the community by helping found the combined Grover Heights-Williamsburg Triangle Neighborhood Association, now known as the 5 Points Neighborhood Association, where she would serve as an organizer and nurturer of neighborhood safety, cleanliness, and building friendships; and

WHEREAS, Erma Dell Bowles has been recognized for her contributions many times over, including having received the 5 Points Neighborhood Senior Legacy Award and Outstanding Leadership Award, as well as the Northwest Side CDC Unsung Hero Award; and

WHEREAS, Erma Dell Bowles will be remembered by family and friends as someone who lived to travel, was a mentor and supporter to many at her church, had a sweet spirit that was felt by everyone she came in contact with, and for her many contributions to neighborhood development and cohesion; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith offers its sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Erma Dell Bowles and mourns the passing of this accomplished and honorable woman; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Erma Del Bowles.

Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, José G. Pérez, Andrea M. Pratt, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark Chambers, Jr., Robert Bauman, Lamont Westmoreland, JoCasta Zamarripa, Sharlen P. Moore, Larresa Taylor and Scott Spiker and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on January 20, 2026.

