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Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Charles Stokes, Jr.

WHEREAS,

CHARLES STOKES, JR.

passed from this life on February 29, 2020 and funeral services were held for family and friends on March 14, 2020 at Mason Temple Church of God in Christ, 6098 N. 35th Street; and

WHEREAS, *Charles Stokes, Jr. was a talented musician at a young age when he played both piano and saxophone and was accepted and enrolled at the prestigious Wisconsin Conservatory of Music at the age of 14; and*

WHEREAS, *Charles' talents were saturated with the love of Gospel music and nurtured with his interactions with the African American church community where he would play music at many local churches; and*

WHEREAS, *Outside of music, Charles was a faithful worker at Ladish Co. starting as a common laborer and ending as an Aerospace Precision Machinist for 47 years and was valued for his skill level and attention to detail; and*

WHEREAS, *Charles Stokes Jr. 's passing leaves a void, but his rich legacy will be remembered by all he touched through his music, integrity, and commitment to God and his legacy will be carried on by his surviving family members; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its condolences to the family and friends of Charles Stokes, Jr. and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this upstanding man; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Charles Stokes, Jr.*

Introduced by Common Council members Ashanti Hamilton, Chantia Lewis, Milele A. Coggs, Cavalier Johnson, José G. Pérez, Scott Spiker, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Khalif J. Rainey and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on March 24, 2020.