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*Resolution recognizing Vera P. Claytor-LeBlance on the occasion of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **VERA P. CLAYTOR-LEBLANCE**

*celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with family and friends on Saturday, July 16, 2022; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Vera was born 100 years ago on July 16, 1922 in Floyd, Virginia, and as the eldest of five children born to Ellis and Ellen Claytor, Vera assumed the proud role of both sister and mother to her younger siblings following the sudden death of their mother who she was very close with; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Vera eventually married was blessed with two children, Alva (who passed away as an infant) and Dana Covington, and later joined her younger sister in Milwaukee where she would meet and marry the love of her life, Louis LeBlance, and served for many years as the treasurer of the North Shore Central Service Club (NCSC) which was founded as a way to help African American women become involved in community service in the city of Milwaukee; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Vera worked alongside her husband in his business for many years while opening their loving home to their blended family and friends, and enjoyed a rewarding career in the Milwaukee Public School System, working for many years at both the Hopkins Street and 21st Street Schools within the Psychology Department where she assisted teachers working with children that had both mental and physical disabilities, and pouring her heart into each one of the children she taught, in many cases Vera became the mother they needed but may not have had in their lives; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Vera is celebrated as a grandmother, sister, aunt, club member, friend, and “phenomenal woman” who has provided so much warmth, grace, love, and kindness; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Vera P. Claytor-LeBlance on reaching her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and extends for 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 Vera P. Claytor-LeBlance in recognition of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, José G. Pérez, Mark A. Borkowski, Ashanti Hamilton, Russell W. Stamper, II, Scott Spiker, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on July 12, 2022.**