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*Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of John B. Johnson, Sr. who passed from this life on April 24, 2019.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **JOHN B. JOHNSON, SR.**

*passed from this life on April 24, 2019, and funeral services were held on May 6, 2019 at Kingdom M.B.C., 3617 N. 48th St.; and*

**WHEREAS,** *John B. Johnson, Sr. was born on April 23, 1936 to Johnny Dotson and Earma Robertson in Whiteville, TN and attended Brown Elementary School and Allen White High School; and*

**WHEREAS,** *John B. Johnson, Sr. proudly served his country as a Military Policeman in the United States Air Force and was one of only a few blacks to pass the entrance exam and serve during the Korean War before being honorably discharged in 1956; and*

**WHEREAS,** *John B. Johnson, Sr. moved to Milwaukee and met his wife Evelyn while working at Boston Store and together they started a family and attended St. Matthew CME Church; and*

**WHEREAS,** *John B. Johnson, Sr. was dedicated to his family and worked several jobs to provide for his family including as a tanner at Albert Trostel, a school bus driver and finally a laborer at Briggs & Stratton; and*

**WHEREAS,** *John B. Johnson, Sr. went on to obtain his GED from Milwaukee Area Technical College and was known for his love of the blues, his motorcycle, tinkering with small appliances and working on cars; and*

**WHEREAS,** *John B. Johnson, Sr. leaves to cherish his memory his nine children, 32 grandchildren,<sup>34</sup> great grandchildren, and a host of many other family and friends; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its condolences to the family and friends of John B. Johnson, Sr., recognizes his lasting impact on his community, and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this fine, upstanding man; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of John B. Johnson, Sr.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Khalif J. Rainey, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Cavalier Johnson and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on May 7, 2019.**