

BY ALD. WADE

Resolution recognizing and honoring Pastor Claude Edwards for 58 years of ministerial service.

WHEREAS,

PASTOR CLAUDE EDWARDS

was honored for 58 years of distinguished ministerial service during a special 58th anniversary and 90th birthday event held October 5, 2014 at Mason Temple Church of God In Christ, 6098 N. 35th St.; and

WHEREAS, *Pastor Claude Edwards served the army for two years, earned a rank of P.F.C and worked as an ambulance driver and a barber; and*

WHEREAS, *In 1946, Pastor Claude Edwards received his ordination from Bishop B.S. Lyle in Northern Mississippi; and*

WHEREAS, *In 1949, Pastor Claude Edwards moved to Milwaukee Wisconsin, where he served as an assistant pastor under the late Elder Verdell Wallace of Pehoboth COGIC; and*

WHEREAS, *Pastor Claude Edwards served as the first Sunday School Superintendent for the Northwest Jurisdiction COGIC; and*

WHEREAS, *Pastor Claude Edwards bought Riverside Church in Beloit, Wisconsin and Mission Church in Racine, Wisconsin, and opened his church in 1957; and*

WHEREAS, *Pastor Claude Edward started a New School Community Center in the neighborhood with his own funds, worked the community and neighborhood with police initiative programs and fed the community from the food pantry every Sunday; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes the special celebration honoring Pastor Claude Edwards for 58 years of ministerial service, and thanks him for his many positive contributions to the community; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Pastor Claude Edwards.*

Introduced by Common Council member Willie C. Wade and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on October 14, 2014.