

*BY ALD. HINES*

*Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Lauri Wynn, who passed from this life on December 18, 2013.*

**WHEREAS,**

**LAURI WYNN**

*passed from this life at the age of 83 on December 18, 2013, and funeral services were held on December 27, 2013 at Holy Redeemer Church of God in Christ, 3500 W. Mother Daniels Way; and*

***WHEREAS,** A local civil rights leader and educational trailblazer, Lauri Wynn was born in New York's Harlem neighborhood, attended Virginia Union University, earned a master's degree in education at Lewis National University and eventually moved to Milwaukee, where she became a teacher in the Milwaukee Public Schools; and*

***WHEREAS,** Serving as president of the Milwaukee branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and a longtime advocate for desegregation, open housing and school teachers, Lauri Wynn led marches and boycotts, developed financial lobbying strategies, served from 1982 to 1989 as Governor Tony Earl's policy adviser on black affairs and went on to orchestrate a reform effort that brought new leadership and accountability to the Milwaukee NAACP branch; and*

***WHEREAS,** With her background in education and activism, Lauri Wynn became the first African-American to serve as president of the state's largest teachers union, the Wisconsin Education Association Council, in 1973, and appeared regularly on radio and television programs to advocate on behalf of educators; and*

***WHEREAS,** The loving wife of Thomas H. Wynn, Sr., Lauri Wynn leaves to cherish her memory her sons Thomas H. Wynn, Jr., Spencer Wynn and Worthington Aaron Wynn, her daughters Hillary Wynn and Cynthia Wynn, an extended family and countless other friends and grateful community 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 Lauri Wynn, thanks them for her contributions to the community and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this fine woman; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Lauri Wynn.*

***Introduced by Common Council member Willie L. Hines, Jr. and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on January 22, 2014.***