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Resolution congratulating Pastor Gerri Sheets-Howard on her retirement from Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church.

WHEREAS,

PASTOR GERRI SHEETS-HOWARD

retired with pride and satisfaction as a pastor at Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church, a retirement celebration was held on Friday, June 8, 2018 at the House of Peace, 1702 W Walnut St.; and

***WHEREAS,** Pastor Gerri Sheets-Howard graduated from West Division High School in 1977, and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration from Lakeland College in 1986, she then earned a Masters of Arts Degree in Religious Studies from Cardinal Stritch University in 2006 and would later go on to receive a Masters of Divinity Degree from Central Baptist Theological Seminary in 2013; and*

***WHEREAS,** Pastor Gerri Sheets-Howard has made many accomplishments during her career including being ordained a deacon in the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 2001, then ordained an elder there in 2011 and would later serve as an Associate Minister at the Saint Mark African Methodist Episcopal Church before becoming the Pastor of Bradford Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church, she has also been the Administrative Director of the Capuchin Community Services- House of Peace since 2001; and*

***WHEREAS,** Pastor Gerri Sheets-Howard was the recipient of The Milwaukee Times 27th Annual Black Excellence Award for Social Service, and she was also awarded the distinguished alumni award from Cardinal Stritch University; and*

***WHEREAS,** Pastor Gerri Sheets-Howard is a native Milwaukeean, allowing her to have a greater understanding and passion for its people and their needs, she is an amazing, ambitious and outstanding women of God who is married to her loving husband of 29 years and their two sons; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, herewith congratulates Pastor Gerri Sheets-Howard on her retirement and gratefully extends its thanks for her many years of service to the city and the Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church and for the contributions she has made to the community; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Pastor Gerri Sheets-Howard, an outstanding role model to the community.*

Introduced by Common Council members Russell W. Stamper, II, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, José G Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey, and Cavalier Johnson and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on June 20, 2018.