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Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Gwen T. Jackson, who passed from this life on March 24, 2019.

**WHEREAS,**

## **GWEN T. JACKSON**

*passed from this life on March 24, 2019, and funeral services were held on March 29, 2019 at Central United Methodist Church, 639 N. 25th St.; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Gwen T. Jackson born on May 28, 1928 to John and Ida Temple and married Steven Jackson on July 26, 1951; and*

**WHEREAS,** *For more than 30 years Gwen Jackson worked for Brills Inc., a Wisconsin men's clothing chain that was headquartered in Milwaukee, and she was a pioneer for women in management and executive business positions and was vice president of human resources when she elected early retirement from Brills in 1981; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Gwen Jackson first joined the Red Cross in 1961 as a volunteer with the Service to Military Families Committee and quickly became a prominent and respected leader and was appointed chairwoman of the African Famine Relief Committee and the Minority Initiatives Committee; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Gwen Jackson's volunteer work also included United Way, Urban League, YMCA, and Department of Aging and other community involvement organizations and projects; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Gwen Jackson received numerous awards and recognitions for her dedication to her community including the renaming of the 21st Street School on W. Hadley as Gwen T. Jackson Early Childhood and Elementary School and the creation of Gwen T. Jackson Triangle Park near 68th St. and Fond du Lac Ave.; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Gwen Jackson also received an honorary doctorate from Cardinal Stritch University, and many other awards and honors for service over the years, including the Outstanding Citizen Award from the National Council of Christians and Jews, the Pro Urbe Award from Mount Mary College, and recognition by the United Way Alexis de Tocqueville Society; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Gwen Jackson leaves to cherish her memories her beloved children, siblings, grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives 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 Gwen T. Jackson, recognizes her lasting impact on the community, and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this fine, upstanding woman; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Gwen T. Jackson.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Cavalier Johnson, Milele A. Coggs, Ashanti Hamilton, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey, and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on April 16, 2019.**