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Resolution congratulating Gracie Leonard for her civic leadership in the Westlawn community.

WHEREAS,

MS. GRACIE LEONARD

in her 85th year was recognized at Westlawn Gardens during a special ceremony in her honor on August 16, 2018 as a beloved elder who has been a backbone of love, acceptance and care for generations of Westlawn residents; and

***WHEREAS,** Gracie Leonard has lived at Westlawn since 1982 and is currently the oldest resident of the neighborhood and has been a civic leader, having served on the Westlawn Resident Council since 2006, the Silver Spring Neighborhood Center board, the Community Advisory Council for the UWM College of Nursing program at the Silver Spring Neighborhood Center, and as a member of the Westlawn Partnership for a Healthier Environment; and*

***WHEREAS,** Gracie Leonard has worked for many years in service to others, both in housekeeping and nursing home care and is an honored member of El Bethel Church of God in Christ and is recognized by her community as a prayer warrior and spiritual porch-praying grandma who keeps a watchful eye over her community; and*

***WHEREAS,** Gracie Leonard has raised two grandchildren with love, care and healthy discipline while she was in her 60s and belongs to a generation of “old-school grandmothers” who “love hard” on all of the children of the neighborhood, and particularly children who are deemed the greatest challenge; and*

***WHEREAS,** Gracie Leonard has listened when her neighbors needed an empathetic ear, and said “I love you” while giving epic hugs that poured her love into one’s soul and has consistently demonstrated care for the community through her actions, providing food, furniture, clothes and more to those in need; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes Gracie Leonard as a civic leader and loving caretaker of her community, honors her for her dedication to the Westlawn community, and wishes for her health and happiness in the future; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Gracie Leonard in recognition of her service.*

Introduced by Common Council members Cavalier Johnson, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis and Khalif J. Rainey and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 5, 2018.