

BY ALDS. COGGS

Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Reverend Dr. Anthony Mensah, who passed from this life on April 18, 2013.

WHEREAS,

REVEREND Dr. ANTHONY MENSAH

passed from this life at the age of 86 on April 18, 2013, and a wake was held on April 26, 2013 at St. Lartin De Porres Church, 128 W. Burleigh St.; and

WHEREAS, *A native of Africa, Anthony Jacob Papa Yaakop Kwodwo Mensah was born December 12, 1926 to Isaac and Mary Mensah; and*

WHEREAS, *Reverend Dr. Anthony Mensah received his Elementary/Junior High Teaching Certification in 1946 from St. Augustine's Teacher College, and he served as an instructor there from 1947-1954, and he continued his education and received an Associate Certificate from the University of Ghana and taught at Don Bosco's Teacher College in Navrongo, Ghana from 1954-1961, and he then traveled to America to pursue his Masters Degree in School Administration at Marquette University, where he first acknowledged the significance of his ancestral name Papa Yaakop, his ancestor who had been the first educated member of the Mensah Family clan, and he goes on to complete his Doctoral Studies at Marquette; and*

WHEREAS, *Reverend Dr. Anthony Mensah then began his career with the Milwaukee Public School systems, serving as the first black African-born teacher on staff, and his career included assignments at Siefert, Ninth Street, Dover, Victor Berger (now Martin Luther King), Victory, Roosevelt Middle School and Lapham Park before retiring in 1991, and Reverend Dr. Anthony Mensah published 'Identity' and served as Associate Project Director for Marquette University's Continuing Education program;*

WHEREAS, *Reverend Dr. Anthony Mensah served in various leadership roles in the community, including the St. Michael's Community School Board, the Board of the Federation for Milwaukee Independent Schools, the Board of the Milwaukee Inner City Arts Council, and he served as Program Director and teacher Chairman for the Model Cities Project in Milwaukee,; and he received the Leaders of American Elementary and Secondary Education award for his work in elementary education, and*

WHEREAS, *Reverend Dr. Anthony Mensah was ordained to the Order of Permanent Deacons for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and his wife Theresa joined him to introduce the Rites of Passage courses to the community, and Reverend Dr. Anthony Mensah received the Leaders of American Elementary and Secondary Education award for his work in elementary education, and the Faculty of the Year Award from the UW-Milwaukee department of Africology in recognition of innovative teaching; and*

WHEREAS, *Surrounded by his loved ones at the time of his passing, Reverend Dr. Anthony Mensah leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 57 years, Theresa Mensah-Brown, children Dominic J. Mensah, DDS, and his wife Janice Shaw Mensah, John Henry Mensah and his wife Jennifer Poindexter Mensah, Agatha Mensah-Coleman and her husband William Coleman, Antoinette Mensah, Francis Mensah and his wife Treva Purdy Mensah and adopted daughter Charity Simmonds, and 17 grandchildren, seven nephews and nieces, and a host of other friends and family; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its condolences to the family and friends of Reverend Dr. Anthony Mensah and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this fine man; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Reverend Dr. Anthony Mensah.*

Introduced by Common Council member Milele A. Cogg and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on April 30, 2013.