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Resolution congratulating George Reynolds on his retirement as pastor from Ellison Chapel.

WHEREAS,

PASTOR GEORGE REYNOLDS

retired with pride and satisfaction as pastor from Ellison Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2100 W. Clarke St. and his retirement was celebrated on August 25, 2018 at St. Mark A.M.E. Church, 1616 W Atkinson Ave.; and

WHEREAS, *Pastor George Reynolds has been a loyal, faithful, and dedicated servant of the church for 57 years, 33 of which has been at Ellison Chapel A.M.E., pastoring longer than any other A.M.E. Pastor in Milwaukee; and*

WHEREAS, *Pastor George Reynolds preached his first sermon on January 29, 1961 in Crossett, Arkansas, while at Shorter College in North Little Rock, and would pastor three churches in Arkansas and a church in South Dakota before being invited to Ellison Chapel A.M.E. giving his first sermon as its pastor on December 6, 1985; and*

WHEREAS, *Pastor George Reynolds has led thousands upon thousands of people to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, and presided over countless marriages, funerals and baptisms, including baptizing 19 children on his 75th birthday, and has made not only spiritual improvements but also physical improvements to Ellison Chapel A.M.E by purchasing three adjacent vacant lots, adding handicap accessibility to the front entrance, and purchasing memorial stained glass windows for the sanctuary, and*

WHEREAS, *Pastor George Reynolds has gone to great lengths in service including driving 750 miles one-way to pastor a 92-year-old member, driving 835 miles one-way to deliver a eulogy, and baptizing an 81-year-old man in Intensive Care Unit; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Pastor George Reynolds on his retirement from Ellison Chapel A.M.E., extends its appreciation on behalf of the community, and wishes him a long and happy retirement; and be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Pastor George Reynolds, an outstanding pastor.*

Introduced by Common Council members Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, II, 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 September 5, 2018.