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*Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of the Rev. David Blathers Sr.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **REV. DAVID BLATHERS SR.**

*passed from this life on January 10, 2020 and a home-going celebration was held for family and friends on January 18, 2020 at Philadelphia Baptist Church, 2028 W. Cherry St.; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Rev. David Blathers Sr. was the longtime pastor of Paradise Sanctuary Missionary Baptist Church, having been ordained in the ministry in 1985 and named pastor of Paradise Sanctuary MBC in October 1987; and*

**WHEREAS,** *A former co-director of the interdenominational and interracial group called "Friends," Rev. Blathers worked to foster improved relationships among people of different races and religions, and he was an affiliated member of many religious, social and civic organizations in the City of Milwaukee; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Rev. Blathers kept a sacred mission during his tenure, pursuing Godliness and offering aid and guidance to those struggling with addiction and poverty, a self-described "stagehand" in the wings of God's divine theater; and*

**WHEREAS,** *The Rev. David Blathers Sr. was the beloved husband of Miriam Blathers, and he is further survived by children Lolita and David Jr., as well as a host of 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 the Rev. David Blathers Sr., and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this fine, upstanding man; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of the Rev. David Blathers Sr.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Khalif J. Rainey, Russell W. Stamper, II, Milele A. Coggs, Ashanti Hamilton, Cavalier Johnson, Mark A. Borkowski, Scott Spiker, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on February 11, 2020.**