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Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Irene Goggans, who passed from this life on June 23, 2017.

WHEREAS,

DR. IRENE GOGGANS

passed from this life at the age of 91 on June 23, 2017, and funeral services were held on July 8, 2017 at St. Matthew C.M.E. Church, 2944 N. 9th St.; and

WHEREAS, *Born in the south, Dr. Irene Goggans' family relocated to Milwaukee in 1942 to the Bronzeville neighborhood and she graduated from Lincoln High School in 1943 and from Milwaukee Area Technical College in 1946; and*

WHEREAS, *Dr. Irene Goggans' professional career saw her work for Lou Fritzel Clothiers, as a clerk with the Selective Service System, as a worker for the Internal Revenue Service, for the U.S. Census Bureau, the Milwaukee Election Commission and Milwaukee Public Schools, but she considered local history to be her true calling; and*

WHEREAS, *Dr. Irene Goggans chronicled the events, places of note and people of her neighborhood of Bronzeville and Milwaukee at large in a 300 volume historical collection she started in high school in order to document stories that media sources of the time either overlooked or distorted; and*

WHEREAS, *Due to her knowledge and love for her community, Dr. Irene Goggans was considered a primary consultant and participant in many community events and made appearances on Channel 10/36 Black Nouveau and WTMJ Channel 4 Positively Milwaukee as well as being featured on the cover of Black Women 50+ Lifestyle Magazine and served as consultant and editor for Milwaukee Times Newspaper – Golden Moments, and helped provide research for First Stage Milwaukee's production of Welcome to Bronzeville; and*

WHEREAS, *Dr. Irene Goggans received numerous honors which include the Milwaukee County Senior Citizen Hall of Fame, the Milwaukee County Historical Society's Witness to History Award and the Social Justice Icon by Milwaukee Times Magazine Black Excellence Awards Committee, in addition to receiving multiple communications from President Obama and an honorary degree of Doctor of Community History during the UW-Milwaukee 2015 commencement; and*

WHEREAS, *Dr. Irene Goggans was a devout member of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church both at Womack Temple C.M.E. Church in Dyersburg, Tennessee and at St. Matthew C.M.E. Church in Milwaukee; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Irene Goggans, recognizes her lasting impact on her 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 Dr. Irene Goggans.*

Introduced by Common Council members Chantia Lewis, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Jim Bohl, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, José G. Pérez, Khalif J. Rainey and Cavalier Johnson and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on July 11, 2017.