

BY ALDS. HINES, DAVIS, HAMILTON

Resolution congratulating Bishop John Henry Sheard on his excellence in leadership as Bishop of the First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Michigan Southwest, and Chairman of the Board of Bishops of the Church of God in Christ.

WHEREAS,

BISHOP JOHN HENRY SHEARD

was honored as Bishop of the First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Michigan Southwest and Chairman of the Board of Bishops of the Church of God In Christ during 2013 Church of God In Christ, Inc. Bishop's Conference in Milwaukee on September 19, 2013; and

WHEREAS, *Bishop John Henry Sheard was born to O.S. Sheard, a pioneer in the Church of God In Christ who pastored in the first Church of God In Christ, and following in his father's footsteps he rose from rural Mississippi, and moved to Detroit, Michigan as a youth, and his excellence in faith and leadership never faltered, allowing for his rise through the church ranks and his consecration as Bishop of the First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Michigan Southwest by the General Board of the Church of God In Christ where he has served for 17 years; and*

WHEREAS, *Bishop John Henry Sheard's leadership has led to tremendous improvements in his jurisdiction, including Bailey Cathedral (one of the largest historical church structures in the City of Detroit which had fallen into disrepair), now renovated and restored, a tremendous financial task only to be completed through his commitment to maintaining the heritage of the Church and his Jurisdiction; and*

WHEREAS, *Bishop John Henry Sheard has been married to Mother Willie Mae Sheard more than 53 years, and has two sons in the ministry, Bishop J. Drew Sheard and Elder Ethan B. Sheard, and he holds three degrees from Wayne State University and taught in the Detroit Public Schools for more than 20 years; and*

WHEREAS, *Bishop John Henry Sheard serves with the highest integrity, possessing exemplary leadership skills with which he serves as Chairman of the Board to 200 Bishops throughout the world, and was honored as Bishop of the Year for 2009 by the Ohio Southern Christian Leadership Conference; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes Bishop John Henry Sheard as an outstanding man and leader of the as Bishop of the First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Michigan Southwest and Chairman of the Board of Bishops Church of God In Christ, and wishes him happiness and success in all his endeavors; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Bishop John Henry Sheard, an outstanding leader.*

Introduced by Alderman Willie L. Hines, Jr., Joe Davis, Sr., Ashanti Hamilton and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 4, 2013.