

BY ALD. COGGS

Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Cornell "Wes" Westmoreland, Jr., who passed from this life on December 18, 2014.

WHEREAS,

CORNELL "WES" WESTMORELAND, JR.

passed from this life at the age of 77 on December 18, 2014, and memorial services were held on December 29, 2014 at Graceland Cemetery, 6401 N. 43rd St.; and

WHEREAS, *Born on February 15, 1937 in Bruce, Miss., Cornell "Wes" Westmoreland, Jr. enlisted in the Army following his graduation from the segregated Bruce Black High School, serving in the Special Forces as an electrician during the Korean War, and he made Milwaukee his home after learning of the opportunities that were available in the North during a car trip to the city; and*

WHEREAS, *After meeting his loving wife Hazel, Cornell "Wes" Westmoreland, Jr. opened his first business, the tavern Wes's Place, becoming known as a pillar in his north side community for more than 20 years and fostering an environment where everyone felt welcome; and*

WHEREAS, *Investing heavily in his community, Cornell "Wes" Westmoreland, Jr. helped organize the Historic King Drive Business Improvement District as a means of revitalizing his neighborhood, and worked to purchase, renovate and rent homes in the area at an affordable price, providing his neighbors with quality housing and temporary renovation work; and*

WHEREAS, *Cornell "Wes" Westmoreland, Jr. leaves to cherish his memory his children Pamela Hines, Denise Westmoreland, Van Landowski and Ruby Westmoreland, eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and a whole host of other loving 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 Cornell "Wes" Westmoreland, Jr. 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 Cornell "Wes" Westmoreland, Jr.*

Introduced by Common Council member Milele A. Cogg and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on January 21, 2015.