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Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Donald Sykes who passed from this life on August 13, 2017.

WHEREAS,

DONALD SYKES

passed from this life at the age of 80 on August 13, 2017, and a memorial service was held on September 16, 2017 at St. Mark AME Church, 1616 W. Atkinson Ave.; and

WHEREAS, *Donald Sykes was born in Chicago in 1936 and studied social sciences at Northern University and received his master's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; and*

WHEREAS, *Donald Sykes led the staff of the Social Development Commission, a role which helped others get jobs and job training in Milwaukee, from 1968 to 1988 and saw his agency's budget increase from \$3 million to \$25 million; and*

WHEREAS, *Donald Sykes then served as director for the Department of Health and Human Service Office of Community Relations for President Bill Clinton as well as a consultant in Washington D.C. and later returned to Milwaukee to become head of the Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board in 2007 where he resumed his role coordinating employment and training programs for adults and youths throughout the City of Milwaukee until stepping down in 2014; and*

WHEREAS, *Donald Sykes repeatedly showed his commitment to the unemployed and underemployed members of the community in Milwaukee and everyone who had the chance to meet him will remember him for both his drive for the community and ability to work through conflict; and*

WHEREAS, *Not much of a hobbyist, Donald Sykes enjoyed travelling and working most of all; and*

WHEREAS, *Donald Sykes leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Gerri Sykes, two sons, David and Dennis Sykes, three grandchildren, one great-grandchild and a host of other extended loving family 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 Donald Sykes, recognizes his lasting impact on his community 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 Donald Sykes*

Introduced by Common Council members Khalif J. Rainey, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele. A. Coggs, Jim Bohl, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis and Cavalier Johnson and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 6, 2017.