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Resolution congratulating George E. Gary on his retirement from Columbia Savings and Loan Association.

WHEREAS,

GEORGE E. GARY

retired with pride and satisfaction as President of Columbia Savings and Loan Association during July 2022 after 48 years of distinguished service; and

***WHEREAS,** George E. Gary was born in Carrollton, Mississippi, the 10th of 11 children born and reared by his parents, and went on to serve an honorable tour of duty in the United States Navy and completed four years of college at Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration; and*

***WHEREAS,** George E. Gary joined Columbia Savings and Loan Association in 1974 as an Assistant Managing Officer, in charge of lending, under the management leadership of Mrs. Ardie Halyard (Board Chair), Thalia B. Winfield (Managing Officer), and Attorney W. Dale Phillips (President); and*

***WHEREAS,** After joining Columbia, George quickly became aware of Columbia's management philosophy that enabled the Association, in its first 50 years, to build or assist in building new churches in the inner city and financed many existing churches and businesses (and dwellings), and one of George's first major accomplishments was teaming with realtor Beechie O. Brooks to plan, finance, and construct the first Black neighborhood housing project that was named Halyard Park; and*

***WHEREAS,** During his outstanding career at Columbia Savings and Loan, George was instrumental in helping entrepreneurs and developers launch dreams, in closing transactions that helped countless families with housing and improvements, and he oversaw the successful process to build a new CS & L headquarters building, which opened in January 2008; and*

***WHEREAS,** George serves on the Board of Directors of Calvary Housing Development, Ltd., a non-profit housing corporation providing safe, affordable housing for elderly in the Milwaukee community, and currently serves and/or has affiliations with Jackson State Alumni Association, Board of Directors of Columbia Savings & Loan Association, Board of Directors of the Institute of Financial Education/Milwaukee Chapter, member of the NAACP, member of Board of Deacons (Deacon Emeritus) at Calvary Baptist Church, and member of Kappa Phi Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; now, therefore be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates George E. Gary on his retirement from Columbia Savings and Loan Association, extends its appreciation on behalf of the community, and wishes for him a happy and healthy retirement; and be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to George E. Gary.*

Introduced by Common Council members Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Milele A. Coggs, Khalif J. Rainey, Ashanti Hamilton, Scott Spiker, José G. Pérez and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on July 28, 2022.