

BY ALDS. CHAMBERS, TAYLOR, STAMPER, COGGS, PRATT, ZAMARRIPA, SPIKER, BORKOWSKI, RAINEY, BROSTOFF, BAUMAN, WESTMORELAND, PEREZ

Resolution recognizing Rev. Dr. Trinette McCray on the occasion of her 70th birthday.

WHEREAS,

REV. DR. TRINETTE MCCRAY

celebrated her 70th birthday with family, friends, and congregation members on February 19, 2024; and

***WHEREAS,** Rev. Dr. Trinette McCray is a native of Milwaukee and a life-long member and former long-time pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, and currently serves as the Associate Pastor at Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church; and*

***WHEREAS,** Rev. Dr. Trinette McCray, having been educated in the Milwaukee Public Schools system, earned her Bachelor's degree in Urban Affairs from UW-Oshkosh, and at age 25, answered God's call to the ministry, attending seminary in 1979 at the Morehouse School of Religion in Atlanta, GA, where she earned her Master's degree in Religious Education before being ordained a minister by the late civil rights leader Rev. Dr. Ralph David Abernathy in 1981 despite the Black Baptist churches of Atlanta's declaration against the ordination of women, and in 1998, went on to earn her Doctorate degree in Spirituality from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary; and*

***WHEREAS,** Rev. Dr. Trinette McCray is a prominent spiritual and educational leader both locally and nationally, having been elected the first clergywoman president of American Baptist Churches USA in 1999 and having held educational roles at Cardinal Stritch University and Central Baptist Theological Seminary-Wisconsin, and continues to lead and inspire others as the current president of the American Baptist National Black Caucus; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Rev. Dr. Trinette McCray, a fine citizen, pastor, and leader, on the occasion of her 70th birthday and extends for her its sincere wishes for continued health and happiness; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Rev. Dr. Trinette McCray in recognition of her 70th birthday.*

Introduced by Common Council members Mark Chambers, Jr., Larresa Taylor, Russell W. Stamper, II, Milele A. Coggs, Andrea M. Pratt, JoCasta Zamarripa, Scott Spiker, Mark A. Borkowski, Khalif J. Rainey, Jonathan Brostoff, Robert J. Bauman, Lamont Westmoreland and José G. Pérez and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on March 19, 2024.