

BY ALD. BOHL

Resolution congratulating Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church on its 150th anniversary.

WHEREAS,

SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

saluted 150 years of faith, history and service during a special sesquicentennial celebration of the congregation's landmark church on August 10, 2013 at 6840 N. 107th St.; and

WHEREAS, *Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church has existed since 1847 and holds an important place in the history of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) and the State of Wisconsin, when as a log cabin church that was near its present site, a small group of Lutheran pastors met in 1850 to adopt the synod's first constitution; and*

WHEREAS, *On August 10, 2013, the WELS Historical Institute hosted a 150th anniversary celebration of the Landmark Church, which was first used as a church building for Salem's Congregation and then as a museum for the synod beginning in 1985; and*

WHEREAS, *The State of Wisconsin recognized the establishment of the Wisconsin synod with a State Historical Marker during the celebration event, which also featured tunes played by the 1st Brigade Civil War Band, the opening of the building's cornerstone, tours of the museum and cemetery across the street, and tours of the West Granville Presbyterian Church just down the road; now, therefore be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church on the 150th anniversary of its Landmark Church, thanks it for its historical and positive impact on the community and wishes for it continued success; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church.*

Introduced by Common Council member Jim Bohl and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 4, 2013.