

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

*Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Eugene Stephens.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **EUGENE STEPHENS**

*passed from this life on April 1, 2024, at the age of 97 and services were held for friends and family on April 12 at Victory Missionary Baptist Church, 2601 N. Teutonia Ave., and on April 13 at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 2207 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Eugene Stephens was born on March 30, 1927, and as a young man, served honorably in the United States Army during World War II, and on February 1, 1948, married his beloved late wife Beauty C. Stephens, and together, went on to raise four children; and*

**WHEREAS,** *In 1959, Eugene Stephens joined Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, and shortly thereafter, was ordained a Deacon, and in the early 1990s, was installed as co-chairman, and in June 1994, under the leadership of the late Dr. E.L. Thomas, became one of the founding members of Victory Missionary Baptist Church, where he was active in Sunday School and served as the first chairman of the Deacon's ministry, a position he held until his passing, and was the church's oldest member; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Eugene Stephens was a former City of Milwaukee hydrant inspector and Pinkerton security guard, and upon retiring from the City, worked as a driver for the VE daycare center; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Eugene Stephens lived his life according to the words of Mark 12: 30-31: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these;" and*

**WHEREAS,** *Eugene Stephens was the patriarch of the Moore and Stephens families and was revered by all his extended Davis, Moore, Kirkland, Jordan, and Acree family members, and is survived by his late wife, four children (1 deceased), five grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith offers its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Eugene Stephens, who will be remembered fondly for his loving nature, dedication to his faith and family, and his life of selfless service to others; and be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of the resolution be presented to the family of Eugene Stephens.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, Andrea M. Pratt, Mark Chambers, Jr., Jonathan Brostoff, Robert Bauman, Lamont Westmoreland, JoCasta Zamarripa, Larresa Taylor, José G. Pérez, Scott Spiker, and Russell W. Stamper, II and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on May 21, 2024.**