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Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Gregory D. Stanford, who passed from this life on April 6, 2019.

WHEREAS,

GREGORY D. STANFORD

passed from this life on April 6, 2019, and funeral services were held on April 14, 2019 at Wisconsin Memorial Park "Chapel of Chimes" 13235 W. Capitol Dr.; and

WHEREAS, *Gregory D. Stanford was born in Washington D.C., and graduated from St. John's College High School in 1964, and later became the first of his family to leave the D.C. area when he moved to Milwaukee, a place he would come to call home; and*

WHEREAS, *Gregory D. Stanford attended Marquette University, where he quickly became a leader of Students United for Racial Equality, a group that worked to bring diversity to Marquette, where few students and even fewer faculty members were people of color, successfully eliciting a response from the university through the institution of the Educational Opportunity Program; and*

WHEREAS, *Gregory D. Stanford began his career in journalism as a reporter for The Journal in 1971, tackling controversial and important topics of race and injustice through his coverage of the federal courts beat and urban affairs, and later joined The Journal's editorial board and wrote as a columnist to draw attention to injustices he saw; and*

WHEREAS, *Gregory D. Stanford, an inspirational and compassionate leader, organized the Wisconsin Black Media Association along with fellow reporter Joanne Williams, establishing a local chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists that worked to cultivate journalists of color, opening doors for the future generations of journalists from the Black community; and*

WHEREAS, *Gregory D. Stanford leaves to cherish his memory his longtime partner Cynthia Henry; two sons, Jay Stanford and Frantz Stanford; three siblings Amos, Jacqueline and Joanna; one grandson; the family of Cynthia Henry, which he considered his own, and a host of 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 Gregory D. Stanford, 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 Gregory D. Stanford.*

Introduced by Common Council members Russell W. Stamper, II, Michael J. Murphy, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey, Cavalier Johnson and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on April 16, 2019.