

BY ALDS. HINES, DAVIS, HAMILTON

*Resolution congratulating Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr. on his excellence in leadership of the General Assembly of the Church of God In Christ.*

**WHEREAS,**

**BISHOP CHARLES E. BLAKE, SR.**

*was honored as Bishop of the General Assembly of the Church of God In Christ during the 2013 Church of God In Christ, Inc. Bishop's Conference in Milwaukee on September 19, 2013; and*

***WHEREAS,** Bishop Charles E. Blake Sr., the fifth Presiding Bishop, was appointed by the General Assembly of the Church of God in Christ in November 2007 as the seventh leader in succession prior to which he served as Prelate for the First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of California, and he is married to Lady Mae Lawrence Blake with whom he has three children; and*

***WHEREAS,** Bishop Charles E. Blake Sr, holds a Doctor of Divinity degree from the California Graduate School of Theology, a Doctor of Law degree from Oral Roberts University, and an honorary doctorate from California State University, Los Angeles; and*

***WHEREAS,** Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr; serves as an example of exemplary leadership through his eloquence, compassion, humanitarianism and advocacy for those in need, his ministry as Senior Pastor of West Angeles Church of God In Christ in Los Angeles, California has positively impacted the community and those within it, and his efforts as founder and CEO of Save Africa's Children have aided in supporting more than 200,000 children throughout 23 African nations; and*

***WHEREAS,** Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr. was recognized by President Barack Obama in 2009 and was invited to serve on the White House Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, and he also received the Distinguished Leadership Award from the African Presidential Archives and Research Center at Boston University; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr. as an exemplary human being and leader of the General Assembly Church of God In Christ, and wishes him happiness and success in all his endeavors; and be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Bishop Charles E. Blake, an outstanding leader.*

*Introduced by Common Council Members Alderman Willie L. Hines, Jr., Joe Davis Sr., Ashanti Hamilton and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 4, 2013.*