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Resolution congratulating and recognizing Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church on its 85th anniversary.

WHEREAS,

METROPOLITAN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

celebrated its 85th anniversary of serving the community on February 27, 2022 at Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, 1345 West Burleigh Street; and

***WHEREAS,** Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church was founded by Rev. E.A. Crockett and opened its doors in February 1937 at 9th & North Ave., where the church worshiped for 22 years; and*

***WHEREAS,** Under the leadership of Pastor Reverend E.M. Kelly Sr., the church had a vision for a new home and in April 1968 moved from 9th & North Ave. to a new building located at 14th & Burleigh; and*

***WHEREAS,** After the passing of Reverend Kelly, Reverend Willie D. Wanzo was appointed interim Pastor where he served in the post for 37 years during which time the church satisfied two mortgages, renovated and made improvements to the building, and grew spiritually and in stewardship, as evidenced by the Christian Education classes, Music Ministry, youth and children departments, Mission, outreach, support service and many other auxiliaries that support the work of the church; and*

***WHEREAS,** Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church has provided inspiration and guidance to the community, and continues to admirably fulfil its mission; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church on its 85th anniversary and wishes for it continued success and prosperity in the future; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church.*

Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, Mark A. Borkowski, Ashanti Hamilton, Scott Spiker, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey, Russell W. Stamper, II, and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on March 1, 2022.