

BY ALD. DAVIS

Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Charlene Ann Taylor Smith, who passed from this life on April 10, 2013.

WHEREAS,

CHARLENE ANN TAYLOR SMITH

passed from this life on April 10, 2013 at the age of 59, and a memorial service was held on April 16, 2013 at Abundant Faith Church of Integrity, 6737 N. Teutonia Ave.; and

WHEREAS, *Charlene Ann Taylor Smith was born on October 19, 1953, to Delbert and Kathleen Bennett at St. Joseph's Hospital in Milwaukee, the middle sibling of five children, and went on to graduate from Riverside High School in 1972, earned a bachelor's degree from Ottawa University in 2001 and achieved her master's degree in Community Science in 2011; and*

WHEREAS, *Charlene Ann Taylor Smith loved the arts, making time to craft and exercise her creative zest for life by folding and painting phone books to make miniature Christmas trees, hand-making dolls and improving her yard, she loved live music, often dancing for no other reason than it felt like the thing to do and she launched business ventures including a soul food restaurant and a record label; and*

WHEREAS, *As captain of the Grantosa Heights Block Watch, Charlene Ann Taylor Smith was recognized by the Milwaukee Police Department in 2012 for her commitment to her community, and was very proud of her personal relationship with the Chief of Police and the positive changes that she was able to help make; and*

WHEREAS, *Charlene Ann Taylor Smith leaves to cherish her memory her mother Kathleen Bennett, her three sisters Lynne Wolfford, Denise Bennett-Brewer and DeAnn Bennett, her brother Del Bennett, her three children Christopher Taylor, David Taylor and Michelle Fifer, her six grandchildren Jasmine Williams, Tiffany Williams, Brittany Williams, Jalen Taylor, Najah Taylor and Zalara Fifer, her great grandson Brandon Williams and a whole host of other loving friends, family and grateful community members; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its condolences to the family and friends of Charlene Ann Taylor Smith, expresses gratitude on behalf of the community she helped serve and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this fine woman.*

Introduced by Common Council member Joe Davis, Sr. and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on April 30, 2013.