

*BY ALDS. TAYLOR, STAMPER, JACKSON, COGGS, PEREZ, PRATT, CHAMBERS, BAUMAN,
WESTMORELAND, ZAMARRIPA, MOORE, SPIKER*

Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Viola Hawkins.

WHEREAS,

VIOLA HAWKINS

passed from this life on December 22, 2025 at the age of 86, and services were held for family and friends on January 6, 2026 at Krause Funeral Home, 9000 W. Capitol Dr.; and

WHEREAS, *Viola Hawkins was born to the union of the late Deacon John Sr. and Lenory Riser of Grayson, Louisiana, on October 12, 1939 as the 10th of 12 children, and from a young age she confessed her hope in Christ, and carried that faith through her attendance at Union Central High School where she graduated top of her class, and continuing her education at MATC and UW-Milwaukee; and*

WHEREAS, *Viola Hawkins met her eventual husband, Herman Hawkins, in 1957, and their love would grow, leading to their marriage and the birth of their two children, Gwendolyn and Debra; and*

WHEREAS, *Viola Hawkins had many passions and interests, including enjoying her church and serving as a faithful church worker, serving on the MATC Foundation Board, advocating for people in need, and her love of people, traveling, sports, music, a good song, and the company of her friends and family; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith offers its sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Viola Hawkins and mourns the passing of this accomplished and honorable woman; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Viola Hawkins.*

Introduced by Common Council members Larresa Taylor, Russell W. Stamper, II, DiAndre Jackson, Milele A. Coggs, José G. Pérez, Andrea M. Pratt, Mark Chambers, Jr., Robert Bauman, Lamont Westmoreland, JoCasta Zamarripa, Sharlen P. Moore, and Scott Spiker and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on January 20, 2026.