

BY ALDS. HAMILTON, STAMPER, COGGS, BORKOWSKI, WITKOWSKI, PÉREZ, LEWIS, RAINEY, JOHNSON, DODD

Resolution congratulating Reverend Don Darius Butler on his retirement from Tabernacle Community Baptist Church.

WHEREAS,

REVEREND DON DARIUS BUTLER

was honored during a special retirement ceremony at Tabernacle Community Baptist Church, 2500 W. Medford Ave., on January 13, 2019; and

***WHEREAS,** Reverend Don Darius Butler was born January 22, 1982 in the Commonwealth of the Bahamas and was formally educated in the Bahamian public school system, graduated with honors in 2000 and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from the American Baptist College and a master of divinity degree from Vanderbilt University Divinity School, where he was a Kelly Miller Smith Scholar and president of the Black Seminars; and*

***WHEREAS,** Reverend Don Darius Butler was installed as the sixth pastor for Tabernacle Community Baptist Church on May 23, 2010 after completing a chaplain residency at Norton Healthcare in Louisville, Kentucky, where he earned four Clinical Pastoral Education units while providing spiritual support to children and adults during critical medical crises and regular clinical rotations; and*

***WHEREAS,** In addition to his leadership and ministry at Tabernacle, Reverend Butler served as an associate chaplain with the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office, an outreach leader for the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee, chairman of the Board of Trustees of American Baptist College, as a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and was a recipient of The R. E. Cooper, Sr. National Meritorious Service Award for his service to humanity, and was inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers at Morehouse College in 2016, in recognition of his social ethos; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Reverend Don Darius Butler on his retirement from Tabernacle Community Baptist Church, and wishes him continued health and happiness; and be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Reverend Don Darius Butler.*

Introduced by Common Council members Ashanti Hamilton, Russell W. Stamper, II, 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 January 14, 2019.