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Resolution recognizing Mother Datherine Grant on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

WHEREAS,

MOTHER DATHERENE GANT

celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends on November 19, 2023; and

WHEREAS, *Mother Datherine Gant, a longtime resident of Milwaukee and fixture in her community, was born November 19, 1923, in Vardaman, Mississippi; and*

WHEREAS, *Mother Datherine attended primary school in Pontotoc, Mississippi, and later she furthered her education and graduated from secondary school at Mary Holmes Seminary in West Point, Mississippi, and Mary Holmes Seminary later became a post-secondary institution and then later renamed itself Mary Holmes College while becoming a Historical Black College and University (HBCU) in Mississippi, and she proceeded to undergraduate school at Rust College in Holly Springs, Mississippi where she studied Home Economics, and later she married Curtis Gant and had three wonderful children: Ruben, Mae, and Curtis “Max” Jr. ; and*

WHEREAS, *Mother Datherine is very connected to her faith and impacted two of her own students in Sunday School who later became Bishops and now Church Of God In Christ, General Board Members (which is the highest governing board of Church Of God In Christ worldwide), and she also taught the Young People Willing Workers class also known as Y.P.W.W. and she additionally sang in the West Side Senior Choir, led songs in the choir, and served as the church secretary and announcer, and she later became a Church Mother at the West Side Church Of God In Christ where she received the endearing titled name “Mother Gant”; and*

WHEREAS, *Mother Datherine served for more than 25 years at the West Side Church Of God In Christ under the leadership of both pastors -- Superintendent Felix G. Lewis and Elder Willie L. Hines, Sr. -- and later at the request of then Elder Sedgwick Daniels, and in 1986 Mother Gant accepted the invitation to accompany him in the establishing of the Holy Redeemer Institutional Church Of God In Christ, and to serve as the congregation’s Head Church Mother, and she worked diligently with Supervisor Kathryn Daniels in the Holy Redeemer food pantry alongside Mother Daniels while she served as the Wisconsin Southeast First, State Sunday School Field Representative; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Mother Datherine Gant, a fine citizen, on reaching her 100th birthday and extends for her its sincere wishes for continued health and happiness; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Mother Datherine Gant in recognition of her 100th birthday.*

Introduced by Common Council members Larresa Taylor, Michael J. Murphy, Russell W. Stamper, II, Milele A. Coggs, Andrea M. Pratt, JoCasta Zamarripa, Scott Spiker, Mark A. Borkowski, Khalif J. Rainey, Mark Chambers, Jr., Jonathan Brostoff, Robert J. Bauman, Lamont Westmoreland and José G. Pérez and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on November 21, 2023.