

BY ALDS. DAVIS, HINES, COGGS, KOVAC

Resolution commemorating South African Freedom Day and recognizing Consul General Vuyiswa Tulelo on her work and dedication as Consul General of South Africa in Chicago.

WHEREAS,

CONSUL GENERAL VUYISWA TULELO

served with distinction as Consul General of South Africa in Chicago and was honored for her contributions and service during a special celebration held on April 24, 2013, three days prior to South African Freedom Day on April 27; and

WHEREAS, *South African Freedom Day commemorates the first post-apartheid elections held on April 27, 1994, the first national elections in South Africa in which the franchise did not depend upon race; and*

WHEREAS, *Following a political awakening in her high school years, Consul General Vuyiswa Tulelo became a member of the African National Congress Youth League, where she was the first woman to be elected as deputy chairperson of the N/Cape Province, striving for justice in South Africa and highlighting issues of relevance and significance, and she went on to serve as secretary general of the ANCYL; and*

WHEREAS, *Demonstrating sound knowledge and experience in the diplomatic world, Consul General Vuyiswa Tulelo led the International Union of Socialist Youth as its vice president from 2007 to 2011, organized the World Student and Youth Festival in South Africa in 2010, participated in the organization of various other youth events worldwide and has attended and spoken at numerous international conferences on youth development and gender equity; and*

WHEREAS, *Consul General Vuyiswa Tulelo joined the Department of International Relations and Cooperation in November of 2011 and headed the Youth and Gender Chief Directorate, until she took up her responsibility as Head of Mission in Chicago in July of 2012; and*

WHEREAS, *Consul General Vuyiswa Tulelo has contributed to bridging intercultural gaps between South Africa and the United States, and she has worked diligently to form partnerships and to encourage Americans to invest in South Africa; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith commemorates South African Freedom Day, recognizes Consul General Vuyiswa Tulelo for her dedication and leadership as Consul General of South Africa in Chicago and wishes her continued health, happiness, and prosperity; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Consul General Vuyiswa Tulelo.*

Introduced by Common Council members Joe Davis, Sr. (Honorary Consul of the Republic of South Africa to the State of Wisconsin), Willie L. Hines, Jr., Milele A. Coggs and Nik Kovac and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on April 9, 2013.