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Resolution recognizing and congratulating Mamie "Sis" Thurman on the occasion of her 96th birthday.

WHEREAS,

MAMIE "SIS" THURMAN

celebrated her 96th birthday on September 16, 2023 among family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Thurman was born on September 16, 1927, and has lived her life as a dedicated daughter, mother, wife, and community member who continues to cultivate five generations of family and friends, as the matriarch of her family, and continuously sparks the light of freedom through her teachings of agriculture, culinary arts, healing practices, industry, trade, and sustainable social and civic engagement practices; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Thurman has been an active member of the Milwaukee community, including service as a member of the St. Benedict Alumni Association, VFW Auxiliary, and countless social clubs that have aided in the economic and social support of her immediate and extended families; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Thurman's life serves as an example of what can be accomplished through loving service and endless support of her loved ones, and is regarded as the "Village Ambassador" of her family, because she embodies the African Proverb, "It takes a village to build a child," and her family is honored to be children of her village; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Mamie "Sis" Thurman on the occasion of her 96th birthday and extends to her its sincere wishes for her continued health and happiness; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Mamie "Sis" Thurman in recognition of her 96th birthday.

Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, Andrea M. Pratt, Russell W. Stamper, II, JoCasta Zamarripa, Scott Spiker, Mark A. Borkowski, Khalif J. Rainey, Mark Chambers, Jr., Jonathan Brostoff, Robert J. Bauman, Lamont Westmoreland, Larresa Taylor, and José G. Pérez and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 19, 2023.