

BY ALD. COGGS

Resolution recognizing and congratulating Bishop John A. Barton, Sr. on his elevation to the post of auxiliary bishop in the Church of God in Christ.

WHEREAS,

BISHOP JOHN A. BARTON

was elevated to the post of auxiliary bishop on November 11, 2012, and his elevation was celebrated by his peers, friends and parishioners with a banquet on September 20, 2013 at the Four Points by Sheraton Milwaukee North, 8900 N. Kildeer Ct.; and

WHEREAS, *Born in Muncie, Ind., John A. Barton is a third generation member of the Church of God in Christ, became an ordained minister in 1957 at the age of 19 and pastored his first church, Goodwill C.O.G.I.C., following the death of his uncle; and*

WHEREAS, *Installed as the Pastor of Milwaukee's Philadelphia Church of God in Christ in 1979, John A. Barton established the church's prison ministry, a successful mission that has taken him into every prison in the state of Wisconsin to hold services, offer bible studies and preach the good word to those who need it most, and also helped save a number of young men through the establishment of the "Brother Hood House," a halfway house for those recently released from prison; and*

WHEREAS, *Continuing to expand his ministry, John A. Barton received his bachelor of the arts and masters in Christian ministry in 2001 from the Charles Harrison Mason College and Graduate School of Theology in Milwaukee; and*

WHEREAS, *Active in the leadership of the Church of God in Christ, John A. Barton has served in many capacities, including expeditor of finance, vice president of the state youth department, jurisdictional youth president, administrative assistant and on a number of committees and boards; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Bishop John A. Barton on his elevation to the post of auxiliary bishop, thanks him for his contributions and service to the community and wishes for him continued success and happiness; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Bishop John A. Barton.*

Introduced by Common Council member Milele A. Cogs and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 24, 2013.