

BY ALDS. PUENTE, HINES, WADE, BOHL, BAUMAN, DAVIS, PEREZ, WITKOWSKI, DONOVAN, COGGS

Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Barbara Horton, who passed from this life on May 16, 2013.

WHEREAS,

BARBARA HORTON

passed from this life at the age of 64 on May 16, 2013, and a memorial service was held on May 24, 2013 at Faith Fellowship Church, 8633 W. Good Hope Rd.; and

WHEREAS, *Born in Ypsilanti, Mich., Barbara Horton moved to Milwaukee as a teenager and graduated from what was then Lincoln High School, and she earned an undergraduate degree in sociology from Carroll College, later earning a graduate degree in management from Cardinal Stritch; and*

WHEREAS, *With a reputation for caring deeply about children and their education, Barbara Horton began her service to Milwaukee Public Schools in 1991 as the head of its human relations department, and she went on to serve as deputy acting superintendent and then the acting superintendent, the highest-ranking woman in the district at the time and only the second black woman to ever serve in the deputy superintendent's post; and*

WHEREAS, *Driven by a desire to improve educational institutions, Barbara Horton returned to the Milwaukee Public Schools when she was elected to serve as a member of the Board of School Directors in 2002, and also served a large population of young people as the executive director of both Darrell Lynn Hines College Preparatory Academy of Excellence and Destiny High School; and*

WHEREAS, *A lifelong learner, Barbara Horton was also finishing the dissertation for her doctorate in educational administration from Capella University when she was diagnosed with terminal illness, but out of a desire to hold the needs of others above her own and cause as little disruption as possible in the schools she served, she kept the diagnosis private; and*

WHEREAS, *Barbara Horton leaves to cherish her memory her loving husband Sandy, her daughter Cassandra, her son Jonathan and a whole host of loving and appreciative friends, family and community members; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its condolences to the family and friends of Barbara Horton and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this fine woman; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Barbara Horton.*

Introduced by Common Council members Robert W. Puente, Willie L. Hines, Jr., Willie C. Wade, Jim Bohl, Robert Bauman, Joe Davis, Sr., José G. Pérez, Terry L. Witkowski, Robert G. Donovan and Milele A. Coggs and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on June 11, 2013.