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Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Jessie M. Chaney, who passed from this life on May 24, 2013.

WHEREAS,

JESSIE M. CHANEY

passed from this life at the age of 91 on May 24, 2013, and a memorial service was held on June 1, 2013 at St. Matthews Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, 2944 N. 9th St.; and

WHEREAS, *A well-known civil rights activist in the Milwaukee community for more than 70 years, Jessie M. Chaney served as an executive committee member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, working tirelessly in support of key initiatives; and*

WHEREAS, *Among her biggest victories, Jessie M. Chaney played a pivotal role in the insurance red-lining lawsuit that resulted in a \$50,000 award to the Milwaukee Branch of the NAACP, which was used to support the organization's educational scholarship program for youth; and*

WHEREAS, *A tireless community volunteer, Jessie M. Chaney spent numerous hours promoting NAACP membership, working on the annual Freedom Fund Dinner, involving youth in enrichment activities like horseback riding and bowling and preparing holiday meals for the less fortunate; and*

WHEREAS, *The loving wife of the late Milwaukee civil rights activist Felmers O. Chaney, Jessie M. Chaney valued family and hard work above all else, inspired others with her optimism, friendliness and graciousness and enjoyed more than 60 years as a member of various local bowling leagues; and*

WHEREAS, *Jessie M. Chaney leaves to cherish her memory her nieces Debra L. Skinner and Dr. Sharon F. Skinner and a whole host of other loving friends and family; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its condolences to the family and friends of Jessie M. Chaney 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 Jessie M. Chaney.*

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