

BY ALD. BAUMAN

*Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Mother Essie Lee Haney, who passed from this life on April 1, 2014.*

**WHEREAS,**

**MOTHER ESSIE LEE HANEY**

*passed from this life on April 1, 2014 at the age of 87, and services were held at Parklawn Assembly, 3725 N. Sherman Blvd., on April 8, 2014; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Mother Essie Lee Haney was born in Grady, Arkansas, on August 27, 1926, to Reverend Jim and Fannie Mae Jackson, where she attended Mt. Pisgah AME Church and taught Sunday School and Bible Study and joined the Missionary Board; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Mother Essie Lee Haney received an Associate of Arts Degree in business from AM&N College and then a Christian Ministry Degree from Agape Love Bible College in 1998, meeting Reverend Sidney M. Haney while in college, and the couple went on to marry and have 13 children, creating the “Family Tree”, a singing group made up of their children that sang at nursing homes, senior centers and special events with Reverend Haney’s gospel quartet, the “Soul Seekers”; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Mother Essie Lee Haney served as the missionary president for the Baptist State Convention in the 1970’s and in 1985, along with Reverend Haney, she founded the Berean Missionary Baptist Church where she was a pastor and a teacher, and then in 2008 she accepted the invitation to join the Greater Utopian Pentecostal Church, where she took on the role of church mother and praise and worship singer; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Mother Essie Lee Haney was known for her cooking and baking and also was an avid gardener while being the mother to 13 children, grandmother to 48 grandchildren and great-grandmother to 20 great-grandchildren; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Mother Essie Lee Haney held many honorary positions in her life that include President of the Baptist Convention Ministers Wives; den mother for the Boy Scouts of America; Order of the Eastern Stars worthy matron; Order of the Eastern Stars grand chaplain; volunteer cook at The Repairers of the Breach homeless shelter; substitute teacher at Urban Day School; community advocate and civil rights worker, and a member of the Missionary Society; Church Women United and Unity Grand Chapter of the Eastern Stars; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its condolences to the family and friends of Mother Essie Lee Haney and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this remarkable woman; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Essie Lee Haney.*

**Introduced by Common Council member Robert Bauman and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on April 22, 2014.**