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Resolution congratulating Holy Redeemer Church of God In Christ on its 30th anniversary.

WHEREAS,

HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

celebrated its 30th anniversary on May 27, 2016 at the Pfister Hotel, 424 E. Wisconsin Ave; and

WHEREAS, *A consistent partner of their community focused on its improvement, Holy Redeemer was founded with just eight members in 1986, purchasing a sanctuary eight weeks after its first service, and over the years expanded to provide many different services beyond worship including an institutional ministry that offered a GED preparation tutoring program and a food pantry, and in 1994 it established C.O.G.I.C. Social Services, which provides professional counseling, therapy and training, and in 1995 it purchased property for the establishment of the Dunbar-Blakely House, which focuses on domestic violence prevention ministry and serves as a shelter; and*

WHEREAS, *Holy Redeemer has expanded its footprint significantly over 30 years, adding a multi-level administrative training center in 1988, a new worship center in 1997, Holy Redeemer HR Housing in 1998, the Jeffrey Allen Carter Sr. Conference Center for Community Empowerment and Family Reunification in 1999, the Mother Kathryn Daniels Conference Center, a youth center, a gymnasium, a high school, a natatorium, a retreat center and a Fine Arts Symposium in 2000, three additional heritage homes for social services family rehabilitation and shelters in 2001, the Milwaukee African American Cultural Center, the "MAAC" banquet center and a 55-unit apartment complex known as the "The Hamptons" in Bishop's Creek, and in 2011 they opened phase two, known as "The Towers"; and*

WHEREAS, *Demonstrating a heartfelt commitment to education, Holy Redeemer established the HR Academy, a partnership school with Milwaukee Public Schools, in 1993, and in 1996 opened the Educational Possentem and DJ Young Preparatory school, and in 2014 the Holy Redeemer Educational Consortium and Wisconsin First Jurisdiction Department of Education, together with Marian University, established the "A Trained Pulpit, A Trained Pew" initiative, which offered accredited bachelor's degree, master's degree, doctoral and teacher certification programs, and expanded high school graduation opportunities for adults through the Pre-Collegiate Adult Education Program, which recently celebrated the receipt of high school diplomas by 37 adult participants; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Holy Redeemer on its 30th anniversary, extends its appreciation on behalf of the community, and wishes for its continued success.*

Introduced by Common Council members Ashanti Hamilton, Jim Bohl, Milele A. Coggs, Mark A. Borkowski and José G. Pérez and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on May 24, 2016.