

BY ALDS. STAMPER, MURPHY, BOHL, COGGS, PEREZ, BORKOWSKI, JOHNSON, LEWIS, RAINEY

Resolution commending Johnnie Mae Phillips' contributions to her community.

WHEREAS,

JOHNNIE MAE PHILLIPS

was recognized for her efforts to improve her community on August 21, 2016 when the park located at N. 17th and W. Vine Streets was renamed in her honor; and

WHEREAS, *MKE Plays, a city-led initiative focused on renovating 12 of Milwaukee's most dilapidated playgrounds in an effort to encourage children to play and exercise and to combat childhood obesity, has helped to revitalize the playground at N. 17th and W. Vine Streets in Johnsons Park; and*

WHEREAS, *Johnnie Mae Phillips was a key leader in transforming Johnsons Park from a dumping ground to the activated public green space it is now, leading the process by which the park land was leased to Cross Lutheran Church and ensuring that city funding would create a park on the site; and*

WHEREAS, *Johnnie Mae Phillips raised her nine children in the 1960s and 1970s while being a very active member of Cross Lutheran Church and of her community, working on the church's social and health ministries and being instrumental in the creation of the Cross Lutheran Bread of Healing Food Pantry ministry, which led to a collaboration with Aurora Sinai to sponsor a parish nurse on Wednesdays at the food pantry, and then to the establishment of the Bread of Healing Clinic; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith posthumously commends Johnnie Mae Phillips on her life of dedication and service to others, and recognizes her contributions to the community with a park named in her honor; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Johnnie Mae Phillips.*

Introduced by Common Council members Russell W. Stamper, II, Michael J. Murphy, Jim Bohl, Milele A. Coggs, José G. Pérez, Mark A. Borkowski, Cavalier Johnson, Chantia Lewis and Khalif J. Rainey and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 1, 2016.