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Resolution congratulating Thelma Sias on her retirement from We Energies.

WHEREAS,

THELMA SIAS

retired with pride and satisfaction during January 2017 after 31 years of dedicated service in key positions at We Energies; and

***WHEREAS,** Thelma Sias is a proud graduate of Clark Atlanta University with a bachelor of science degree in political science, and joined We Energies (then Wisconsin Gas Company prior to its merger with Wisconsin Electric) in 1986; and*

***WHEREAS,** During her distinguished career at We Energies, Thelma Sias served in a variety of leadership roles within the organization, including as a member of the Customer Relations leadership team in the roles of director – community affairs and director – local affairs (where she laid the groundwork for several key growth initiatives for the company), and she was promoted to vice president – local affairs for in 2003, and served as a board member of the We Energies Foundation; and*

***WHEREAS,** Thelma Sias was named vice president – local affairs for WEC Energy Group in June 2015 and was charged with the responsibility of building and enhancing long-term relationships with community leaders and local governments, directing activities to monitor community concerns and to negotiate with local governments, and under her leadership, Local Affairs very successfully addressed the service needs of We Energies municipal customers and school districts; and*

***WHEREAS,** Thelma Sias is a member of the Rotary Club of Milwaukee Inc. and Professional Dimensions Inc., and served as a 2014 community campaign co-chair for the United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County, was named to Savoy magazine's 2016 list of Top Influential Women in Corporate America and was honored by the Milwaukee Urban League through its establishment of the Thelma A. Sias Fellows of Distinction Award to recognize exceptionally talented young men who serve in internships in the corporate community as part of the league's MKE Fellows program; and*

***WHEREAS,** Thelma Sias has served with distinction as a member of many civic boards, including the African American Women's Project, Community Advocates, the Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation, United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County board of directors, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee, Children's Hospital Foundation board, Employ Milwaukee, Milwaukee Area Workforce Development, Cardinal Stritch University board of trustees, Milwaukee Public Library Foundation, and the Zoological Society of Milwaukee – to name just a few; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes and congratulates Thelma Sias on her retirement from We Energies, thanks her on behalf of the community for her dedicated service and many valuable contributions, and wishes her a healthy and happy retirement; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Thelma Sias.*

Introduced by Common Council members Russell W. Stamper, II, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Chantia Lewis, Terry L. Witkowski, Jim Bohl, José G. Pérez, Khalif J. Rainey, Robert G. Donovan, Cavalier Johnson and Mark A. Borkowski and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on January 18, 2017.