

*BY ALDS. RAINEY, STAMPER, COGGS, HAMILTON, BOHL, BORKOWSKI, WITKOWSKI, PEREZ, LEWIS, JOHNSON*

*Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Mary Jo Avery, who passed from this life on February 15, 2017.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **MARY JO AVERY**

*passed from this life at age 74 on February 15, 2017, and services were held for family and friends on March 3, 2017 at Tabernacle Baptist Church, 2500 W. Medford Ave.; and*

***WHEREAS,** Mary Jo Avery was a woman who loved her family, her God and the Labor Movement, and she was a fierce fighter for those she represented and did not shy away from any struggle for justice, and she was not only a notable national labor leader and champion for justice, but also a loyal and loving friend to many; and*

***WHEREAS,** Mary Jo was a true believer in the collective power of people and in the intrinsic value of standing strong when faced with challenges, and upon her retirement from Communications Workers of America, her work continued for years as the President of A. Philip Randolph Institute in Milwaukee; and*

***WHEREAS,** Mary Jo Avery was the loving mother of Marlon A. (Sandra) King, Tonya, Terry, and Timothy (Stefanie) Avery Sr., was a devoted and a loving grandmother of nine grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren, and she is also survived by sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its condolences to the family and friends of Mary Jo Avery, recognizes her lasting impact on her community and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this fine, upstanding woman; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Mary Jo Avery.*

***Introduced by Common Council members Khalif J. Rainey, Russell W. Stamper, II, Milele A. Coggs, Ashanti Hamilton, Jim Bohl, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis and Cavalier Johnson and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on March 28, 2017.***