

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

Resolution recognizing and congratulating James Davis, Jr. on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

WHEREAS,

JAMES DAVIS

celebrated an extraordinary milestone, his 90th birthday, on March 3, 2017, with friends and family at the Holiday Inn, Milwaukee Riverfront, 4700 N. Port Washington Rd.; and

***WHEREAS,** James Davis, Jr. was born in Natchez, Mississippi, moved to Memphis, Tennessee, served as a U.S. Marine in World War II in the South Pacific from 1944 to 1946 and later worked as a business manager and sales director; and*

***WHEREAS,** James Davis, Jr. served as the founding pastor of Lighthouse Gospel Chapel, where he supported all members of the congregation in their spiritual and family lives; and*

***WHEREAS,** James Davis, Jr. was ordained in the Lutheran Church in America, which later became the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), and served several of the synod's Milwaukee churches; and*

***WHEREAS,** James Davis, Jr. was a founding member and organizational leader of Milwaukee Inner City Congregations Allied for Hope (MICAHA) and upheld the organization's mission of strengthening the faith and families of member congregations; and*

***WHEREAS,** James Davis, Jr. was married to Dorsey Fields Davis for 58 years, and they served as church leaders together and were blessed with five children, 13 grandchildren and seven grandchildren, who carry on the same faith and community traditions; and*

***WHEREAS,** James Davis, Jr. has devoted his career and life to improving the lives of local church and community members; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates James Davis, Jr. on reaching his 90th birthday and extends for him its sincere wishes for continued health and happiness; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to James Davis, Jr. in recognition of his 90th birthday.*

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