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

Resolution recognizing the contributions of Inez Miller Herzer on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the city's Fair Housing Law.

WHEREAS.

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played a key role in City of Milwaukee history by applying pressure and marching in protest to the injustices and discrimination perpetrated against people of color, and her toughness and determination helped lead to the Common Council's unanimous passage of the Fair Housing Law on April 30, 1968; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Herzer has been a faithful and dedicated member of Greater Galalee Church for 60 years, exemplifying her Christian walk, serving in the capacity of Usher Board, Nurse's staff, Hospitality Committee and Prayer Ministry, since she joined under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. E.B. Phillips, who himself was a supporter of the Fair Housing Demonstrations championed by Vel Phillips, Father James Groppi, the Milwaukee Chapter of the NAACP Youth Council and Commandos; and

WHEREAS, Inez Miller Herzer, as parent of a NAACP Youth Council member, gave tirelessly and unselfishly her time and talent in Milwaukee's long struggle for open housing legislation, and brought to the movement her insight into how Milwaukee could become a more inclusive and just community, and was a model of courage and faithful endurance; and

WHEREAS, Inez Miller Herzer not only participated in the marches but also accompanied the NAACP Youth Council on its school bus trips to regional NAACP conventions and stayed overnight in church basements on these trips serving as a role model actively committed to social and racial justice for the teenage and young women in the NAACP Youth Council; and

WHEREAS, Inez Miller Herzer is well-loved by all the young people she helped advise for her positive and joyful spirit; and

RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes the valuable and historic contributions of Inez Miller Herzer on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the city's Fair Housing Law, and thanks her on behalf of the citizens and the community; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Inez Miller Herzer.

Introduced by Common Council members Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Jim Bohl, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, José G. Pérez, Nik Kovac, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey, and Cavalier Johnson and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on May 30, 2018.