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Resolution recognizing and congratulating Delores Nicholson Wilkins on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

WHEREAS,

DELORES NICHOLSON WILKINS

celebrated her 90th birthday, on December 26, 2019; and

WHEREAS, *Delores Nicholson Wilkins was born on December 26, 1929 in St. Louis, to Thomas White Nicholson and Viola Comer Nicholson and moved to Milwaukee in 1944; and*

WHEREAS, *Delores Nicholson Wilkins graduated from North Division High School in 1947, and after being accepted to three nursing schools in Milwaukee, she enrolled at Mt. Sinai School of Nursing; and*

WHEREAS, *Delores Nicholson Wilkins graduated from Mt. Sinai School of Nursing as a registered nurse (RN) in 1950, becoming the first student of African descent to complete the program and the first Black graduate of a school of nursing in Wisconsin; and*

WHEREAS, *A lifelong learner, Delores Nicholson Wilkins received her BSN from Alverno in 1976, her master's degree in nursing from UW-Milwaukee in 1992, and became an obstetrics and gynecology nursing supervisor at Mt. Sinai Hospital where she had spent most of her nursing career; and*

WHEREAS, *Delores was a founding member of RENS – a service organization of Black registered nurses – that encouraged young women of color to enter the nursing profession (RENS was the precursor of the Milwaukee Chapter National Black Nurses Association, Inc.); and*

WHEREAS, *Delores and her family are longtime members of Calvary Baptist Church (since 1944), where she has led and participated in many of the church ministries, and she is the wife of the late Robert Wilkins and mother of Carl and Karen, and the loving grandmother of four grandchildren and the great-grandmother of four great-grandchildren; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Delores Nicholson Wilkins on reaching her 90th birthday and extends for her its sincere wishes for continued health and happiness; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Delores Nicholson Wilkins in recognition of her 90th birthday.*

Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, Cavalier Johnson, Ashanti Hamilton, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Scott Spiker, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on January 21, 2020.