



BY ALDS. HAMILTON, HINES

Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Wesley L. Scott, who passed from this life on May 28, 2005.

WHEREAS,

WESLEY L. SCOTT

went to his eternal rest on May 28, 2005 at the age of 88 years; and

WHEREAS, *Wesley L. Scott was born July 19, 1916 in the mountains of Eckman, West Virginia, the oldest of 18 children, and his parents, Bailey and Annie Lee, not wanting their children to find themselves trapped in poverty and toiling in the coal mines of West Virginia, did all they could to impress upon their children the importance of an education; and*

WHEREAS, *While Wesley L. Scott was the first of his siblings to get a college degree, studying at Bluefield State College in Bluefield, West Virginia, before transferring to Xavier University in New Orleans where he received his bachelor's degree, most of his brothers and sisters have also received bachelor's and advanced degrees; and*

WHEREAS, *After graduating from Xavier University in 1942, Wesley L. Scott began a stint in the U.S. Army, serving in the South Pacific during World War II, and when the war was over, married the former Mary Robinson in 1947, and he then returned to school, receiving a master's degree in social work from Ohio State University in 1950; and*

WHEREAS, *Wesley L. Scott continued to form his vision of a racially fair and just society in 1951 as executive director of the Massillon, Ohio, Urban League, joined the Milwaukee Urban League as deputy executive director in 1958, and became its executive director a year later, heading the league for 23 years, much of it during the height of the civil rights movement and serving in that position until 1981, and on his retirement became a consultant to the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce; and*

WHEREAS, *Wesley L. Scott has been referred to as a visionary and a pioneer, a bridge between the power structure of the community and the black community, a man totally committed to the advancement of African Americans and poor people, a man who fought for civil rights, educational and employment opportunities and the social welfare of those in need; and*

WHEREAS, *Wesley L. Scott was the beloved husband of 52 years to Mary, who preceded him in death in 1999, and leaves to cherish his memory his beloved daughter Gloria Scott Tibbs, two grandchildren, Howard Wesley Tibbs and Madeleine Elizabeth Tibbs, brothers and sisters and a host of other loving 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 Wesley L. Scott, who lived his life in the service of others, a man who touched many lives in a positive way, and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this fine man; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Wesley L. Scott.

Introduced by Common Council members Ashanti Hamilton and Willie L. Hines, Jr. and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on June 14, 2005.