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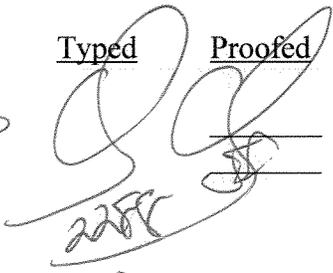
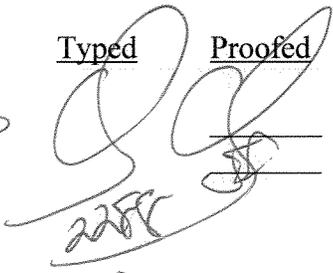
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**Relating to:** *Commemorating the life and public service of Ezekiel Gillespie*

Whereas, Ezekiel Gillespie was born about May 31, 1818 in Greene County, Tennessee; and

Whereas, he sustained himself during his youth by selling small, self-made goods that he peddled from town to town; and

Whereas, in 1852, he moved to Milwaukee, earning a living by selling groceries, vegetables, poultry, and game; and

Whereas, he eventually went to work for Alexander Mithcell, working as a porter for the Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company; and

Whereas, despite his limited financial means, he selflessly boarded migrant families from the South; and

Whereas, in 1865, he helped to petition the legislature for a referendum on African-American suffrage; and

Whereas, later that year, while attempting to vote in that referendum, he was denied suffrage by the Milwaukee Board of Election Commissioners; and

Whereas, he successfully brought suit against the Board, prompting the State Supreme Court to decide unanimously in favor of African American suffrage; and

Whereas, thanks to his efforts, African Americans for the first time voted freely in elections during the elections of 1866; and

Whereas, in 1869, he helped found the first African Methodist Episcopal church in Wisconsin; and

Whereas, he spent much of his late life raising funds for, and speaking on behalf of the church; and

Whereas, Ezekiel Gillespie died in 1892; therefore be it

**Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That** the members of the Wisconsin legislature do hereby commemorate the life and achievements of Ezekiel Gillespie.



## 2007 SENATE RESOLUTION

1     **Relating to:** commending the life and public service of Ezekiel Gillespie.

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3     Tennessee; and

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5     goods that he peddled from town to town; and

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*P* Whereas, the adoption of this <sup>S</sup> ~~Senate~~ <sup>r</sup> ~~Resolution~~ is supported not only by the  
*Q* senate, but also by members of the assembly including specifically Representatives  
Sheridan, Schneider, Young, Grigsby, Sinicki, Mason, Fields, Benedict, Turner, and  
Hintz; now, therefore, be it

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1 4118/2 - J

2 4169 - J

3 4170 - J

4 4171 S

5 4172 S

6 4173 S

7 4174 S

8 4175 S

9 4191 J

10 4192 — (?)

11 4193 — (?)

**Duerst, Christina**

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