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Resolution congratulating Shaka Smart on a historic season of college basketball as consensus 'Coach of the Year.'

WHEREAS,

SHAKA SMART

was declared consensus men's college basketball's 2022-2023 'Coach of the Year' by the Associated Press, the Big East Conference, the National Association of Basketball Coaches, and the United States Basketball Writers Association; and

***WHEREAS,** Shaka Smart joined the Marquette Men's Basketball program as Head Coach just two years ago after six years spent coaching at the University of Texas and six years at Virginia Commonwealth University; and*

***WHEREAS,** Shaka Smart, in his short tenure coaching the Marquette University Men's Basketball team, led the program through a historic season during which the team earned a conference record of 17 wins and only three losses (the best in the Big East Conference and in program history) thereby defying preseason projections placing the Golden Eagles in 9th place among the conference's 11 teams; and*

***WHEREAS,** Shaka Smart's coaching skills extended into the 2023 postseason wherein the Golden Eagles won three games in three days during the Big East Tournament, defeating Xavier on March 11, 2023 to bring home Marquette's first Big East tournament title before entering the NCAA Tournament as the #2 seed in the East Region (the highest seed in school history); and*

***WHEREAS,** Coach Shaka Smart and the Golden Eagles accomplished historic success in spite of the team losing six of their leading scorers from the previous season and having no healthy transfers to replace them thereby demonstrating Coach Smart's remarkable ability to inspire his players lean on their strong interpersonal relationships to conquer what others might find insurmountable; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Shaka Smart on being named consensus men's college basketball's 2022-2023 'Coach of the Year,' and wishes for him and the Golden Eagles continued success and many more victories; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Shaka Smart.*

Introduced by Common Council members Robert J. Bauman, Mark A. Borkowski, Scott Spiker, José G. Pérez, Khalif J. Rainey, Milele A. Coggs, Jonathan Brostoff, Mark Chambers, Jr., Russell W. Stamper, II, and JoCasta Zamarripa and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on April 18, 2023.