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Resolution congratulating Dr. De Wayne Smoots on retiring after 32 years of service to the Milwaukee Fire Department.

WHEREAS,

DR. De WAYNE SMOOTS

retired with pride and satisfaction as a battalion chief with the Milwaukee Fire Department on September 19, 2020 after more than 32 years of dedicated service to the City of Milwaukee; and

***WHEREAS,** Battalion Chief Dr. De Wayne Smoots entered into the Fire Academy in November 1987, and graduated in March 1988, became a fire education specialist in December 1997, was promoted to lieutenant in July 2000, was promoted to captain in July 2007, and was promoted to battalion chief in March 2014; and*

***WHEREAS,** Dr. De Wayne Smoots served as president of the Milwaukee Brotherhood of Firefighters for 18 years and to date is the longest tenured African –American member of the Milwaukee Fire Department; and*

***WHEREAS,** Dr. De Wayne Smoots earned a doctorate in Christian Counseling in 2013, and he has used his 32 years of experience and education to safely protect and serve the citizens of Milwaukee in exemplary fashion; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Dr. De Wayne Smoots on 32 years of service with the Milwaukee Fire Department, extends its appreciation on behalf of the community and wishes him continued success and happiness; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. De Wayne Smoots, an outstanding leader.*

Introduced by Common Council members Michael J. Murphy, Nikiya Dodd, José G. Pérez, Scott Spiker, Mark A. Borkowski, Milele A. Coggs, Ashanti Hamilton, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey, Cavalier Johnson and Russell W. Stamper, II and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 22, 2020.