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Resolution recognizing the Walker family on the occasion of its 48th annual family reunion.

WHEREAS,

THE WALKER FAMILY

gathered on August 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 2014 in Milwaukee to celebrate their legacy with their 48th annual family reunion; and

WHEREAS, The theme of the 48th annual Walker family reunion was knowledge, and they celebrated with many activities over three days including a tour of MillerCoors' Miller Valley and Harley Davidson, lunch on the Edelweiss and a family banquet at the Ambassador Hotel, 2308 W. Wisconsin Ave.; and

WHEREAS, Every first weekend of August, the Walker family celebrates their forefathers and the currently living generations of George and Ellen Walker and their son and his wife Fletcher and Joanna Walker of Sunflower County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Joanna was a housewife and Fletcher was a sharecropper who together raised their offspring Ruth, Melzie, George, Lemuel, Tritha, Arlevea, Tempa Mae, Tilman, Rogers, Josephene and Louise Helen, loved them and taught them to exceed beyond the stereotypes of African-Americans of their generation; and

WHEREAS, The first Walker family reunion was held at the home of Melzie and Benjamin Bumbry August 1968 with three generations and all 11 offspring of Joanna and Fletcher Walker in attendance, and since the reunion has taken place in 9 different states with 5 generations attending; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes the bonds the Walker family has had with one another over many generations, welcomes family reunion members to Milwaukee, and extends its best wishes for a successful and enjoyable reunion; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Walker family on the occasion of its reunion.

Introduced by Common Council member Russell W. Stamper II and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 3, 2014.