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Resolution congratulating Dennis Biddle on the honor bestowed to him by the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club on the occasion of its annual Negro Leagues Tribute event on July 11, 2025.

WHEREAS,

DENNIS BIDDLE

was honored during the annual Negro Leagues Tribute event on July 11, 2025 at Miller Park during the Brewers – Nationals game, part of the 2025 stadium legacy celebration weekend

***WHEREAS,** Dennis Biddle was born on June 24, 1935, in Magnolia, Arkansas, and excelled in athletics at a young age by lettering baseball, basketball, track, and football at Columbia County High School, before graduating at age 17 to pursue his dream of playing professional baseball; and*

***WHEREAS,** Dennis Biddle debuted as a pitcher for the Chicago American Giants in the Negro Leagues in 1953, winning 15 games in his rookie season with a notable victory over Gerald “Lefty” McKinnis, earning him the nickname “The Man Who Beat The Man Who Beat The Man” and was later recognized as the youngest player to join the Negro Leagues; and*

***WHEREAS,** After a career ending injury while trying out for the Chicago Cubs in 1954, Dennis Biddle turned tragedy into purpose by dedicating his life to decades of honoring the legacy of Negro League players through speaking at schools, colleges, and military bases; and*

***WHEREAS,** Dennis Biddle has inspired and educated tens of thousands of students across the nation and abroad with his Negro League Traveling Exhibits and Presentations, using sports as a platform to uplift messages of civil rights and Black excellence; and*

***WHEREAS,** Dennis Biddle’s lifelong dedication to education and justice earned him numerous honors, including induction into the Wall of Honor at Milwaukee’s Miller Park in 2006 and authorship of *Secrets of the Negro Baseball Leagues*, demonstrating his status as not only a sportsman but a cultural leader; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Dennis Biddle on the honor bestowed to him by the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club on the occasion of its annual Negro Leagues Tribute event, thanks him on behalf of the community for his many contributions to baseball and wishes him continued health and happiness; and, be it*

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

Introduced by Common Council members Larresa Taylor, Marina Dimitrijevic, Scott Spiker, Lamont Westmoreland, Alex Brower, Mark Chambers, Jr., José G. Pérez,

Robert Bauman, Milele A. Coggs, Andrea M. Pratt, JoCasta Zamarripa, Sharlen P. Moore, and Russell W. Stamper, II and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on July 15, 2025.