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*Resolution congratulating Jerrell J. Braxton on his retirement from the Milwaukee Public Schools.*

**WHEREAS,**

**JERRELL J. BRAXTON**

*has announced his retirement from the Milwaukee Public Schools after nearly 25 years of dedicated service to the City of Milwaukee; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Jerrell J. Braxton, the fifth of six children and the youngest son born to John and Geneva Braxton in Lackawanna, NY, graduated with a bachelor's degree in Social Work from Buffalo State University, in Buffalo, NY, and received a master's degree in Social Work from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Early in his career, Jerrell J. Braxton held positions in mental health/social work at St. Aemilian's and Milwaukee County Psychiatric Hospital, and accepted a position as a school social worker with Milwaukee Public Schools in 1989; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Jerrell J. Braxton created Brothers of Kwanza in 1992, one of the longest running African-American empowerment groups in the nation, which received recognition from President Barack Obama in 2009; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Jerrell J. Braxton has received countless nominations, awards, and recognitions, and he is especially proud to have become the first African-American male to be named Milwaukee Public Schools School Social Worker of the Year (1993-1994); and*

**WHEREAS,** *During his career, Jerrell J. Braxton demonstrated exemplary dedication in serving students and their families, resulting in receiving the Milwaukee Public Schools Excellence in Education Award in 1995, and in 2011-2012 he was named Wisconsin School Social Worker of the Year; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Jerrell J. Braxton most importantly, has been a visionary who has led by example and inspired many, and has demonstrated unwavering focus and dedication to instilling hope, and molding young African-American men into successful college graduates and positive members of the community; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Jerrell J. Braxton on his retirement from the Milwaukee Public Schools, extends its appreciation on behalf of the community, and wishes for him a happy and healthy retirement; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Jerrell J. Braxton, an outstanding employee.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Ashanti Hamilton, Joe Dudzik, Michael J. Murphy, Terry L. Witkowski, Tony Zielinski, Robert W. Puente, Jim Bohl, Robert G. Donovan, Nik Kovac, José G. Pérez and Milele A. Coggs and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on July 2, 2013.**