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*Resolution congratulating Carla Allison on her retirement from Reader's Choice Book Store.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **CARLA ALLISON**

*retired with pride and satisfaction as the owner of Reader's Choice Book Store after over 28 years of dedicated service; and*

***WHEREAS,** Carla Allison opened Reader's Choice Book Store over 28 years ago in order to dispel myths about African-Americans and books; and*

***WHEREAS,** Through the years Reader's Choice has hosted book fairs, community dialogues, and acclaimed authors like Sonia Sanchez, Gwendolyn Brooks and Dr. Henry Louis Gates; and*

***WHEREAS,** Through Reader's Choice, Carla Allison was able to affect the lives of many Milwaukeeans both young and old as well as help authors to make names for themselves; and*

***WHEREAS,** In addition to operating Reader's Choice, which is the states last black-owned and –operated bookstore, Carla Allison has worked as a speech pathologist for Milwaukee Public Schools and taught Psychology at Milwaukee Area Technical College; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Carla Allison on her retirement from the Reader's Choice Book Store, extends its appreciation on behalf of the community, and wishes for her a happy and healthy retirement; and, be it*

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

***Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, Ashanti Hamilton, Jim Bohl, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey and Cavalier Johnson and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on July 11, 2017.***