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Resolution recognizing the history-making role of Milwaukee native Darian Dixon on the NASA Mars Perseverance Mission.

WHEREAS,

DARIAN DIXON

has made history as part of the NASA team working on the Perseverance mission on Mars. Mr. Dixon is an inspiration for all Milwaukeeans, especially given his connection to the community, being a graduate of Riverside University Highschool and UW-Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, *the iconic Perseverance Rover is exploring the surface of Mars and taking samples from under the Martian surface to check for signs of water and ancient microbial life. Darian is the Mastcam-Z data management lead, assisting with camera operations that are bringing amazing images and footage of the surface of Mars back to earth; and*

WHEREAS, *Darian's love for the solar system was inspired by his mom and at only 28 years old, his lifetime interest in science has led him to becoming an integral part of a historical mission. The adversity he has encountered as a person of color in a STEM field makes his accomplishments even more monumental; and*

WHEREAS, *though Mars, and the Perseverance rover are 130 million miles away, Dixon is making history here at home. Darian Dixon is making enormous contribution to the future of science and is living proof that anyone – including Milwaukee Public School students – can achieve their goals and accomplish their wildest dreams; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes Darian Dixon on March 2, 2021 in the City of Milwaukee; and, be it*

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

Introduced by Common Council members Ashanti Hamilton, Cavalier Johnson, Milele A. Coggs, Nik Kovac, Scott Spiker, Nikiya Dodd, Mark A. Borkowski, Russell W. Stamper, II, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on March 2, 2021.