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Resolution recognizing Brady McKinley for his contributions to the Milwaukee Islamic community as a pioneer of the Nation of Islam in Milwaukee, the third oldest Islamic community in the United States.

WHEREAS,

BRADY MCKINLEY

was honored at the Call to Unity Banquet: Tribute to the Nation of Islam Pioneers in Milwaukee on February 20, 2015 at the Wisconsin Black Historical Museum, 2620 W. Center St., for his contributions to the Islamic Community of Milwaukee ; and

WHEREAS, *Brady McKinley was a pioneer of the Nation of Islam in Milwaukee, the third oldest Islamic community in the United States of America; and*

WHEREAS, *Brady McKinley accepted Islam in 1949 in the City of Milwaukee under the leadership of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, becoming trusted friends and a confidant of the man known as “The Messenger of Allah”; and*

WHEREAS, *Brady McKinley and his brother, Roy McKinley quickly embraced the message of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad to “do-for-self” and the message of economic independence, establishing McKinley’s Corporation, the largest Black-owned demolition contractor firm in the state of Wisconsin; and*

WHEREAS, *Brady McKinley showed complete dedication and sacrifice to the cause by establishing Temples of Islam as a field Minister for the Nation of Islam in Racine and Beloit, in addition to his establishing businesses to employ his people and propagate the faith; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes Brady McKinley for leadership and contribution to the Islamic Community of Milwaukee, and wishes for him success in all his future endeavors; and, be it*

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

Introduced by Common Council members Ashanti Hamilton, Nik Kovac, Milele A. Coggs, Willie C. Wade, Russell W. Stamper, II, Terry L. Witkowski and José G. Pérez and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on March 3, 2015.