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Resolution posthumously honoring the life and legacy of Brigadier General Robert A. Cocroft.

WHEREAS,

BRIGADIER GENERAL ROBERT A. COCROFT

was posthumously honored by the Delta Chi Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. during the Military Affairs Breakfast at the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.'s 92nd Annual Midwestern Regional Conference in Milwaukee on April 12, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Robert A. Cocroft's legacy is a testament to Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.'s values of leadership, service, and advocacy, having lived his life in exemplary service to the nation and in steadfast devotion to veterans and the community; and

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Robert A. Cocroft, as co-founder of the Center for Veterans Issues (CVI) in Milwaukee, demonstrated an unparalleled dedication to supporting veterans and their families, providing them with essential transitional housing and support services, and through his efforts, helped make CVI one of Wisconsin's largest veterans' support organizations; and

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Robert A. Cocroft, as deputy secretary for the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, was a staunch advocate for veterans' rights and well-being, proudly serving in this role for nine years from 1994 to 2002, and continued his career of leadership and service as President and CEO of CVI, dutifully serving in that role for 14 years; and

WHEREAS, In 1973, alongside fellow Vietnam War veterans, Brigadier General Robert A. Cocroft co-founded the National Association for Black Veterans, Inc. (NABVETS), an organization dedicated to providing strategic advocacy for veterans at all levels of government, and later served as the organization's National Commander, and helped NABVETS grow to over 80 chapters nationwide; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes the life and legacy of Brigadier General Robert A. Cocroft, celebrates his lasting impact on veterans, his community, and the nation, and expresses its gratitude for the life of such an upstanding citizen and public servant; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Brigadier General Robert A. Cocroft.

Introduced by Common Council members Russell W. Stamper, II, Andrea M. Pratt, Mark Chambers, Jr., Jonathan Brostoff, Robert Bauman, Lamont Westmoreland, Milele A. Coggs, Khalif J. Rainey, JoCasta Zamarripa, Larresa Taylor, Michael J. Murphy, Mark A. Borkowski, José G. Pérez, and Scott Spiker and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on April 9, 2024.