

BY ALD. COGGS

Resolution recognizing Poetry Unplugged Social Club after more than a decade of weekly spoken word open mic events, on the occasion of its final performance.

WHEREAS,

POETRY UNPLUGGED SOCIAL CLUB

concluded more than a decade of weekly spoken word open mic events with a performance on August 19, 2014 at Social Live, 906 S. Barclay St.; and

WHEREAS, *The longest-running weekly poetry event in the Midwest, Poetry Unplugged has attracted a variety of acts and talent from around the country, offering the artists and purveyors of the spoken word, linguistic gymnastics, poetry and mic spitting a forum to connect, exchange and be entertained; and*

WHEREAS, *Launched and hosted by Kwabena Antoine Nixon, Poetry Unplugged was one of many outlets Kwabena found as he sought his voice and a lifestyle outside the street violence that claimed the lives of so many of his friends and family, including his father, and strived to live up to the name given to him by a community elder by inspiring, not just a generation, but a movement; and*

WHEREAS, *More than just an open mic, Poetry Unplugged encouraged respect and a positive experience for all participants while grooming talent to maintain a high caliber of performer, and the artists appearing at the events included some of the best spoken word performers in the nation, many having been featured on HBO's Def Poetry Jam; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes Poetry Unplugged Social Club for providing a forum for more than a decade of spoken word open mic performances, thanks organizer Kwabena Antoine Nixon for sharing his efforts and talents, and extends its sincere appreciation on behalf of the community for these valuable contributions; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Kwabena Antoine Nixon.*

Introduced by Common Council member Milele A. Coggs and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 3, 2014.