

BY THE COMMON COUNCIL

Resolution congratulating Marvin Pratt on receiving the 2026 Living Legend Award during the Black History Month Celebration.

WHEREAS,

MARVIN PRATT

was honored as the 2026 Living Legend Award honoree during the Black History Month Celebration at City Hall on February 10, 2026; and

WHEREAS, *The Living Legend Award is presented during Black History Month to honor an individual's long-lasting leadership, civic engagement and dedication to service in the community; and*

WHEREAS, *Marvin Pratt was born May 26, 1944 in Dallas, TX, and moved to Milwaukee with his mother, sisters, and brother in 1959, joined the United States Air Force after graduating North Division High School in 1962, and was honorably discharged after four years; and*

WHEREAS, *Marvin Pratt enrolled at Marquette University once he was back home and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science in 1972, which enabled his work as a graduate assistant in the office of Mayor Henry Maier (while attending the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee), which served as a catalyst for his future life of public service; and*

WHEREAS, *Marvin Pratt was president of the AFSCME Milwaukee District Council, spent 12 years as a City of Milwaukee property appraiser before serving as Milwaukee 1st district Alderman from 1987 to 2004, and as president of the Milwaukee Common Council from 2000 to 2004, and served as the first African-American acting Mayor in Milwaukee's history in 2004; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Marvin Pratt for being honored as the 2026 Living Legend Award winner at the Black History Month Celebration and commends him for his outstanding service to the nation and in the community; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Marvin Pratt, an outstanding citizen and living legend.*

Introduced by Common Council Members Andrea M. Pratt, Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark Chambers, Jr., Larresa Taylor, Lamont Westmoreland, Sharlen P. Moore, DiAndre Jackson, Scott Spiker, Robert Bauman, JoCasta Zamarripa, José G. Pérez, Peter Burgelis, Alex Brower, Marina Dimitrijevic, and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on February 10, 2026.