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Resolution offering condolences to the friends and family of Willie J. Dantzler.

WHEREAS,

WILLIE J. DANTZLER

passed from this life on July 5, 2016 at the age of 68, and services were held on July 11, 2016 at Serenity Funeral Home, 4217 W. Fond du Lac Ave.; and

WHEREAS, *Born Kwesi Bart Plange on February 26, 1948 in Accra, Ghana to Eugenia Larbi and Peter Bart Plange, he grew up the youngest child of three siblings and attended Christian Methodist Secondary School; and*

WHEREAS, *Kwesi grew up dreaming of coming to the United States, and in his early twenties he was afforded the opportunity -- as a sailor -- and upon his arrival he took the American name of Willie J. Dantzler; and*

WHEREAS, *Willie came to Milwaukee, and one of his first jobs was working for Lena's Food Market as a butcher, and he would later work for Yellow Freight Trucking Co., and he was selected in a lottery to receive a City of Milwaukee taxi license, and he went on to form L & W Taxi Service; and*

WHEREAS, *Willie was united in holy matrimony to Laura Williams on September 10, 1979 in Milwaukee, and their union was blessed with the birth of their beautiful daughter, Akuwa Courtney Dantzler; and*

WHEREAS, *Willie Dantzler enjoyed cooking, yard work, watching football, socializing and spending time with family, and he never forgot his native tongue, the Ghanaian language he spoke proudly whenever he was with his friends from Ghana; and*

WHEREAS, *Willie J. Dantzler is survived by his loving daughter, Akuwa, as well as a host of other loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends; now, therefore be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its condolences to the family and friends of Willie J. Dantzler, celebrates his many accomplishments and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this fine man; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Willie J. Dantzler.*

Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, Ashanti Hamilton, Russell W. Stamper, II, Jim Bohl, Mark A. Borkowski, José G. Pérez, Cavalier Johnson, Chantia Lewis and Khalif J. Rainey and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on July 26, 2016.