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Resolution expressing condolences for the family and friends of Jerrel W. Jones

WHEREAS,

JERREL W. JONES

passed from this life on June 5, 2025 at the age of 85 and services were held for family and friends on ; and

***WHEREAS,** Jerrel Jones was a pioneer, a mentor, and a beacon of strength, he was the founder of the Milwaukee Courier, Milwaukee's oldest continuously publishing black newspaper, established in 1964 during the Civil Rights movement, and for over six decades, the Courier became a vital and trusted voice for the Black community; and*

***WHEREAS,** Jerrel Jones formed Courier Communications Corporation, which later acquired WNOV radio in 1972, making it Wisconsin's first Black-owned radio station, and under his leadership, both the Milwaukee Courier and WNOV served as platforms for truth telling and the promotion of Black voices, in 2013 his media influence extended to Madison as Courier Communications bought the Madison Times, another historic Black newspaper; and*

***WHEREAS,** Jerrel Jones was a community mentor and pioneer who uplifted countless individuals across generations, his commitment to communication as a tool for empowerment made him a beacon of strength, and he also valued education and encouraged civic responsibility throughout his career; and*

***WHEREAS,** Jerrel Jones was a devoted husband to his wife of over 60 years, Eanestine, and a proud father to five children, his family, along with the Courier Communications team, carries forward his legacy with pride; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith offers its sincere condolences to the family members and friends of Jerrel W. Jones, and mourns the passing of this dedicated community member and upstanding man; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of the resolution be presented to the family of Jerrel W. Jones*

Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, Mark Chambers, Jr., José G. Pérez, Andrea M. Pratt, DiAndre Jackson, Robert Bauman, Lamont Westmoreland, JoCasta Zamarripa, Sharlen P. Moore, Scott Spiker, Alex Brower and Russell W. Stamper, II and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on July 15, 2025.

