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Resolution recognizing Melody McCurtis and Danell Cross as the recipients of the 2025 Frank Kirkpatrick Award.

WHEREAS,

MELODY MCCURTIS AND DANELL CROSS

were honored by the Greater Milwaukee Foundation as the Frank Kirkpatrick Award recipients on December 2, 2025 at the Greater Milwaukee Foundation's Greater Together luncheon; and

***WHEREAS,** The Greater Together Awards shine a spotlight on individuals who are shaping a more inclusive and vibrant Milwaukee, and each year, these prestigious awards recognize those who dedicate their time, talent, treasure and ties to building a stronger, more equitable community for all; and*

***WHEREAS,** The Frank Kirkpatrick Award is named for prominent real estate developer, radio commentator and enthusiastic civic participant, Frank Kirkpatrick, who established a fund at the Foundation through a bequest following his passing in 1985, and the award is designed for individuals whose efforts have brought physical and economic development improvements to the community, and especially to central city neighborhoods; and*

***WHEREAS,** Melody McCurtis and Danell Cross have demonstrated transformative leadership within the Metcalfe Park community, advancing resident-led initiatives that strengthen housing stability, neighborhood safety, and equitable development while ensuring community voices remain at the forefront of local decision-making, and their projects and partnerships promote neighborhood revitalization, environmental sustainability, and public space improvements, contributing to a more resilient and connected Milwaukee; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith commends Melody McCurtis and Danell Cross for their resilience, dedication, and contributions to the greater Milwaukee area, and congratulates them as the Frank Kirkpatrick Award recipients; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Melody McCurtis and Danell Cross.*

Introduced by Common Council members José G. Pérez, JoCasta Zamarripa, Milele A. Coggs, Andrea M. Pratt, Mark Chambers, Jr., DiAndre Jackson, Robert Bauman, Lamont Westmoreland, Sharlen P. Moore, Scott Spiker, Alex Brower and Russell W. Stamper, II and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on December 16, 2025.