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Resolution recognizing the renaming of a portion of N. 5th St. as Dr. William Finlayson Street.

WHEREAS,

DR. WILLIAM FINLAYSON STREET

was officially commemorated with a street name change unveiling ceremony at 500 W. North Ave. on August 8, 2023; and

***WHEREAS,** Dr. William Finlayson is a beloved obstetrician and gynecologist based in Milwaukee who has served his country in the United States Army (World War II), was admitted as the first Black doctor at St. Joseph's Hospital and Mount Sinai, opened Milwaukee's first Black-owned bank - North Milwaukee State Bank, was an active member of Alpha Phi Alpha, Inc., and has served on numerous boards and commissions in the name of improving the community; and*

***WHEREAS,** The Milwaukee Common Council passed a resolution in November 2022 to officially rename the portion of N. 5th St. from W. Capitol Dr. to W. Walnut St., after Dr. William Finlayson as an acknowledgement to his countless contributions in the community, and creating equity in our public spaces and thoroughfares; and*

***WHEREAS,** The street renaming celebration – held during the 12th annual Bronzeville Week – included an unveiling, and community celebration in honor of Dr. William Finlayson; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes and celebrates the renaming of N. 5th St. from W. Capitol Dr. to W. Walnut St., to Dr. William Finlayson Street in the City of Milwaukee; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. William Finlayson.*

Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, II, Andrea M. Pratt, José G. Pérez, Scott Spiker, Mark A. Borkowski, Khalif J. Rainey, Mark Chambers, Jr., Jonathan Brostoff, Robert J. Bauman, JoCasta Zamarripa, Larresa Taylor and Lamont Westmoreland and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 1, 2023.