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Resolution recognizing Milwaukee music legend Harvey Scales on the occasion of a community-wide block party held on August 31, 2013.

WHEREAS,

HARVEY SCALES

was honored for his outstanding career as a songwriter, singer and musician during a neighborhood appreciation day block party held August 31, 2013, on N. 20th St. between W. Hampton and W. Fairmount Avenues; and

WHEREAS, *In Milwaukee, before he broke onto the national scene as a songwriter, Harvey Scales was known as “Twistin’ Harvey,” and in 1961, he and longtime friend, the late Albert Vance, formed the group Harvey Scales and The Seven Sounds, and released several singles, and during the block party, many friends and musicians honored Scales with tributes in words and song; and*

WHEREAS, *Harvey Scales, a talented Milwaukee music legend, has been active in the music industry locally and nationally since the 1960s, performing live and composing songs for groups such as The Dells, The Dramatics and The O’Jays, and well-known nationally for co-writing the hit songs “Love-Itis” and “Disco Lady,” a song made famous by R&B legend Johnnie Taylor; and*

WHEREAS, *In addition to the Common Council commendation, at the block party Harvey Scales also received an award for artistic achievement from Mayor Tom Barrett and a State of Wisconsin proclamation from state Sen. Lena Taylor, and the launch of The Harvey Scales Fund, aimed at helping retired musicians and entertainers in need of assistance or who have medical needs, was announced; and*

WHEREAS, *The block party, organized by several stakeholders as a way of promoting neighborhood and community unity and peace, helped provide free back-to-school supplies for neighborhood children; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes Harvey Scales, congratulates him on his brilliant career as a songwriter, singer and musician and, on behalf of the citizens of Milwaukee, wishes him success and happiness in all future endeavors; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Harvey Scales.*

Introduced by Common Council members Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs and Nik Kovac and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 4, 2013.