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Resolution recognizing and celebrated the unveiling of an exhibit at the Milwaukee County War Memorial Center honoring the contributions of African American service members in the US Armed Forces.

WHEREAS,

MILWAUKEE COUNTY WAR MEMORIAL CENTER

celebrated the unveiling of an exhibit honoring the contributions of African American service members in the US Armed Forces on February 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, *The War Memorial Center's exhibit featuring African American service men and women is located on the 3rd floor of the War Memorial Center and celebrates extensive military achievement ; and*

WHEREAS, *the War Memorial Center's unveiling ceremony featured its keynote speaker Major General Marica Anderson who was the first African American woman to receive that rank, along with speeches from Congresswoman Gwen Moore, State Senator Lena Taylor, City of Milwaukee Alderwoman Chantia Lewis, and Milwaukee County Board Supervisor Supreme Moore Omokunde; and*

WHEREAS, *The exhibit is the result of a collaborative project by the War Memorial Center with Great Lakes Dryhooch, the Center for Veterans Issues, The National Association for Black Veterans (NABVETS), Milwaukee NAACP, Wisconsin Black Historical Society, the Social Development Commission, and the Medical College of Wisconsin, while the mural was provided with sponsorship from Gorman & Company; and*

WHEREAS, *The Milwaukee County War Memorial Center has dedicated extensive research to collaborate with community organizations and develop a comprehensive approach to honoring and supporting veterans and service members with resources, education, and dedicated exhibits; and*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes the Milwaukee County War Memorial Center on the occasion of its historical exhibit honoring African American service members and offers thanks for its other important contributions to the community; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Milwaukee County War Memorial Center.*

Introduced by Common Council members Chantia Lewis, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Cavalier Johnson, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Scott Spiker, José G. Pérez, Khalif J. Rainey and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on February 11, 2020.