

BY THE COMMON COUNCIL

*Resolution congratulating Don Porter on the honor bestowed to him by the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club on the occasion of its 12<sup>th</sup> annual Negro Leagues Tribute event on August 12, 2017.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **DON PORTER**

*was honored during the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Negro Leagues Tribute event on August 12, 2017 at Miller Park during the Brewers – Reds game, on a day devoted to honoring the great players of the Negro Leagues; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Don Porter was born in College Station, Arkansas in 1941 and began his career in 1957 with the New York Black Yankees and later played for the Indianapolis Clowns of the Negro Leagues; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Don Porter is the third family member to be nominated for the Yesterday's Negro League Wall of Fame, following in the footsteps of his uncles, Merrill and Andrew; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Don Porter has led an exemplary life of public service, and has served as a role model for his community, traveling the country to educate the public on the history of the Negro Leagues and its fraternity of unrecognized Black athletes; and*

**WHEREAS,** *The Brewers have honored dozens of Negro League players to date and the annual event includes an auction of game-worn Milwaukee Bears uniforms worn by Brewers players and coaches and the proceeds from the auction go to the Brewers Community Foundation to benefit the Yesterday's Negro League Baseball Players Foundation and the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City; and*

**WHEREAS,** *For his invaluable contributions to baseball, Don Porter will have his name placed on a permanent display on Yesterday's Negro League Hall of Fame, located at Mother Kathryn Daniels Conference Center in Milwaukee; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Don Porter on the honor bestowed to him by the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club on the occasion of its 12<sup>th</sup> annual Negro Leagues Tribute event, thanks him on behalf of the community for his many contributions to baseball and wishes him continued health and happiness; and, be it*

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

**Introduced and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 6, 2017: Russell W. Stamper, II, Ashanti Hamilton, Nik Kovac, Robert J. Bauman, Jim Bohl, Milele A. Coggs, Robert G. Donovan, Michael J. Murphy, José G. Pérez, Terry L. Witkowski, Mark A. Borkowski, Tony Zielinski, Khalif J. Rainey, Cavalier Johnson and Chantia Lewis.**