

BY ALDS. COGGS, HINES

Resolution congratulating Charles L. (Butch) Walton on his retirement from Career Youth Development, Inc.

WHEREAS,

CHARLES L. (BUTCH) WALTON

retired as Deputy Director of Career Youth Development, Inc. during the spring of 2013, and a special celebration was held on May 4, 2013 at Holy Redeemer COGIC, 3500 W. Mother Daniels Way; and

WHEREAS, *Charles L. Walton was the former Executive Director and CEO of Career Youth Development, Inc. and has volunteered with the organization for more than 35 years, where he assisted with Career of Youth Development's first proposals to serve thousands of youth and families; and*

WHEREAS, *Charles L. Walton was brought up by strong religious parents who were active in the civil rights movement, and he participated in the "March On Washington" and was present for Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Had A Dream" speech at the age of 10, and decided at the age of 16 that he wanted to dedicate his life and well being to helping the youth and families of our communities; and*

WHEREAS, *Charles L. Walton was employed with the Social Development Commission for more than 29 years, where he was the founder of Safe Night Overnights Milwaukee, a program dedicated to providing a safe haven for Milwaukee youth over the weekends and has reached over one million participants, and he was also a group leader with the Hillside Community Center Boys and Girls Club; and*

WHEREAS, *Charles L. Walton was a multi-award winning executive television producer for the Jeannetta Robinson television show, a talk show focused on issues affecting the community, and he had the honor to interview many prestigious figures, including former President George Bush, former Vice President Al Gore, Rev. Jesse Jackson, former Chicago Mayor Harold Washington, former Governor Tommy Thompson, and many more, and he also inspired the creation of Mixed Generation television show, now in its fifth award winning year, the Milwaukee Justice television series, and Youth In Action Television, a program that trains youth in studio productions and focuses on community issues from a youth perspective; and*

WHEREAS, *Charles L. Walton and his wife Anisha with their Walton Videography Company created the presentation that was essential to getting the Milwaukee Academy of Aviation Science and Technology approved and funded, and he also founded the Mixed Generation Record and Publishing Company, which is responsible for the recruitment and education of troubled community youth, providing them with an avenue to develop their talents and abilities; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Charles L. (Butch) Walton on his retirement from Career Youth Development, Inc., extends its appreciation on behalf of the community for his exemplary lifelong service, and wishes for him a happy and healthy retirement; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Charles L. (Butch) Walton in recognition of his outstanding service.*

Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs and Willie L. Hines, Jr. and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on May 21, 2013.