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Resolution expressing condolences for the family and friends of Mark Sain.

WHEREAS,

MARK SAIN

passed from this life on November 2, 2025 at the age of 66 and services were held on November 15, 2025 at New Testament Church, 10201 W. Bradley Rd.; and

WHEREAS, Mark Sain, a 1977 graduate of Washington High School, joined the Milwaukee Fire Department as a firefighter in 1980, was promoted to heavy equipment operator in 1990, was then promoted to Fire Lieutenant and assumed responsibility of Director of Fire Education, coordinating, implementing, and presenting all City of Milwaukee fire education programs and training, including special events for Milwaukee Public Schools (he was selected from a pool of 137 lieutenants for this assignment), and in 1995 he received the City of Milwaukee's first "City Innovation Award" for creating the **"FOCUS"** (Firefighters Out Creating Urban Safety) smoke detector installation program; and

WHEREAS, Before his retirement from the Milwaukee Fire Department in 2008, Mark would be promoted to Fire Captain, Battalion Chief, and to Assistant Chief; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, Mark was elected to the MPS Board of School Directors (and soon earning a quick appointment to serve as board President) and as President, he served as a Trustee of the Milwaukee Public Library Board beginning in June 2011 (in May 2018, he was appointed as a citizen member by Mayor Tom Barrett and was reappointed by Mayor Cavalier Johnson in 2024), chairing and serving on several MPL Board Committees, and serving as Board President from 2022-2025; and

WHEREAS, A devoted advocate for education and libraries, Mark's thoughtful leadership guided the library through many innovations, and as Building & Development Committee Chair, he championed the transformation of MPL libraries, including redevelopment/renovation of Villard Square, East, Tippecanoe, Mitchell Street, Good Hope, and Martin Luther King branches (as well as additional renovations and innovations within the historic Central Library), and he also helped lead changes in library services, from the introduction of Wi-Fi, eBooks, and self-service check-out to sorting machines, maker spaces, and virtual programming; and

WHEREAS, Mark Sain leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Charlotte, daughters Mehgan, Marcel, Shayla Lue-Hing and Martina Westmoreland, grandchildren Josiah, Micah, Adrian and Isabella Iwinski, Elias and Gabriel Stanbauer, Cedric Welch, Jr., Lawrence McAfee, George and Charles Rave, and a host of many other loving family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith offers its sincere condolences to the family members and friends of Mark Sain, and mourns the passing of this devoted and honorable man who will be remembered as a man of service, commitment, and compassion, who devoted his life to improving the safety, education, and well-being of the Milwaukee community; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Mark Sain.

Introduced by Common Council members Lamont Westmoreland, Mark Chambers, Jr., Milele A. Coggs, Andrea M. Pratt, Jr., José G. Pérez, DiAndre Jackson, Robert Bauman, JoCasta Zamarripa, Sharlen P. Moore, Scott Spiker, Alex Brower and Russell W. Stamper, II and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on November 25, 2025.