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Resolution recognizing the retirement of Russell Thomas from the Fresh Coast Classic.

WHEREAS,

RUSSELL THOMAS

was recognized for his retirement from the Fresh Coast Classic (FCC); and

WHEREAS, *Russell Thomas roots go back to the east coast hailing from Hudson Valley in upstate New York, earning a master's degree from Springfield College, and holding positions in athletics and student affairs at numerous New York schools; and*

WHEREAS, *Russell Thomas presently serves as a Manager for the Milwaukee Public Schools Sports and Athletics Division, which provide operational and management supervision of the interscholastic athletic programs, comprised of more than 21 high schools, with a student enrollment exceeding 78,000 students and the largest WIAA member; and*

WHEREAS, *Russell Thomas' affiliation with numerous organizations include leadership positions in Southeastern Wisconsin Commissioners Alliance (SECA) and Wisconsin Conference Commissioners Association (WCCA), and has served as an advisor/consultant to the Greater Milwaukee NBA "Hoop it Up" event, steering committee member of 2008 McDonald's All-American High School Basketball Game's, director of 2009 Converse/Eastbay Milwaukee Basketball Classic and sports manager of 2010 U.S. Youth Games – Milwaukee; and*

WHEREAS, *Russell Thomas in 2010 began as general manager of the Fresh Coast Basketball Classic, an event now its 12th year that pits Milwaukee City Conference schools against suburban programs from southeast Wisconsin, showcases drum line performances, and exposes youth to opportunities in higher education; and*

WHEREAS, *Russell Thomas was recognized for his "final run" and retirement at a special gathering on November 24, 2018 at the UW-Milwaukee Klotsche Center, 3409 N. Downer Ave.; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes Russell Thomas on his dedication to the community and extends for him its sincere wishes for continued success and happiness upon retirement; and, be it*

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

Introduced by Common Council members Russell W. Stamper, II, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey and Cavalier Johnson and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on November 27, 2018.