BY ALDS. COGGS, MOORE, PRATT, CHAMBERS, WESTMORELAND, COGGS, ZAMARRIPA, PEREZ, SPIKER, STAMPER

Resolution recognizing Johnnie Joyce Beamon on her 70th birthday.

WHEREAS,

JOHNNIE JOYCE BEAMON

celebrated her 70th birthday with friends and family on April 20, 2025 in Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, Johnnie Joyce Beamon was born on April 20, 1955 and worked for Wis. Pack as a meat packer for over 10 years before becoming a life-long, dedicated and self-taught Sous chef responsible for managing kitchen staff, overseeing daily operations, ensuring food quality and providing personal catering services for funerals, birthday parties and weddings for more than 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Johnnie Joyce Beamon assisted the head chef with various tasks with Milwaukee School of Engineering, Debbie Jo's Catering, working at the United States Postal Service – Downtown Branch, several community festivals, such as Summerfest, African World Festival, Center Street Daze Festival, Juneteenth, Locust Street Festival of Music and Art, Black Arts Fest MKE, as well as Terry Lynn's Soul Food Diner; and

WHEREAS, Johnnie Joyce Beamon also worked as a professionally trained bartender to serve alcohol responsibly, and Ms. Johnnie, as some so affectionately call her, is skilled in preparing a wide variety of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, including classic cocktails, specialty drinks, and draft beers, as well as providing friendly and attentive service, engaging with customers, answering questions, and making recommendations, and her bartender career commenced at 18 years of age working with Beamon's Corner, The Club Wilson's and John and Jewels for a combined 20 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Johnnie Joyce Beamon received her formal education earning a General Diploma in General Education in 1973 from the Milwaukee Public Schools, as well as continued training and certification in other various areas and has worked as a foster parent to children who were unable to live with their birth parents until family issues or concerns were resolved for approximately 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Johnnie Joyce Beamon has continued to provide exceptional and unique community service by offering supportive, stable and nurturing care to children throughout her neighborhood, as well as across the City of Milwaukee; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Johnnie Joyce Beamon on her 70th birthday and extends for her its sincere wishes for continued health and happiness; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of the resolution be presented to Johnnie Joyce Beamon in recognition of her 70th birthday.

Introduced by Common Council members, Milele A. Coggs, Robert J. Bauman, Sharlen P. Moore, Mark Chambers, Jr., Andrea M. Pratt, Lamont Westmoreland, Larresa Taylor, José G. Pérez, JoCasta Zamarripa, Scott Spiker, and Russell W. Stamper, II, and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on April 2, 2025.