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Resolution recognizing Dr. James B. Kinchen, Jr. on the occasion of his 25th anniversary as conductor of Milwaukee Choristers.

WHEREAS,

DR. JAMES B. KINCHEN, JR.

has served 25 years as a Milwaukee Choristers conductor and is being recognized at a gala celebration on October 28, 2018 at Boerner Botanical Gardens; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee Choristers was founded in 1933 when 20 graduates of Riverside High School's A Cappella Choir decided to keep rehearsing and performing together, and Dr. James B. Kinchen, Jr. began as director in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James B. Kinchen, Jr. is in frequent demand as a guest conductor, adjudicator and clinician, and serves as Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside where he was recipient of the school's Stella Gray Teaching Excellence Award (two times), the Faculty Distinguished Service Award, and the Campus Diversity Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James B. Kinchen, Jr. holds membership in the National Association for Music Education, the International Federation for Choral Music, National Collegiate Choral Organization, Chorus America and as an active member of the American Choral Directors Association has served in several leadership capacities from regional to national levels; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James B. Kinchen, Jr. has conducted the Choristers in several significant performances including concert tours of Cuba, Germany, Austria, Poland, the Czech Republic and Italy, and in concert collaborations in Iowa and Michigan, and the Choristers will celebrate his 25th anniversary and the organization's 85th anniversary at a gala event on October 28, 2018; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith thanks Dr. James B. Kinchen, Jr. for positively impacting the lives of hundreds of people who have sung under his direction, and the city of Milwaukee is much richer because of his choral artistry; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. James B. Kinchen, Jr.

Introduced by Common Council members Nik Kovac, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, II, 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 5, 2018.