

BY ALDS. COGGS, PEREZ, BORKOWSKI

Resolution recognizing the Rev. Dr. JoAnn Watson on the occasion of her keynote address at Milwaukee's King Fest celebration on January 18, 2016.

WHEREAS,

REV. DR. JOANN WATSON

delivered the keynote address at Milwaukee's King Fest celebration on January 18, 2016; and

***WHEREAS,** A native Detroiter, the Rev. Dr. JoAnn Watson is associate pastor of the West Side Unity Church and host of the television program "Wake Up Detroit!" and she has previously served as a Detroit City Council Member, the Detroit NAACP Director, director of the Detroit YWCA, assistant executive director for YWCA of the USA and public liaison for Congressman John Conyers; and*

***WHEREAS,** The founding member of the National Association of Black Talk Show Hosts, the Rev. Dr. JoAnn Watson served as a delegate to the 2001 U. N. World Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa and the 1989 Women for a Meaningful Summit in Moscow, St. Petersburg and Tbilisi; and*

***WHEREAS,** Recognized by The Nation magazine in 2009 as "the most valuable local elected official in the U.S.," the Rev. Dr. JoAnn Watson is a member of the National African American Reparations Commission and was a contributing author to "Should America Pay?", the landmark publication on Reparations edited by Dr. Raymond Winbush in 2003, and she has served as chair of the Detroit N'Cobra chapter; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee formally recognizes the Rev. Dr. JoAnn Watson on the occasion of her keynote address at Milwaukee's King Fest celebration on January 18, 2016, thanks her for her contribution to the city's cultural heritage and wishes for her continued success, happiness and health; and be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Rev. Dr. JoAnn Watson.*

Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, José G. Pérez and Mark A. Borkowski and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on February 9, 2016.