

BY THE COMMON COUNCIL

Resolution congratulating George Altman on the honor bestowed to him by the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club on the occasion of its eighth annual Negro Leagues Tribute event on July 20, 2013.

WHEREAS,

GEORGE ALTMAN

was honored during the eighth annual Negro Leagues Tribute event on July 20, 2013, at Miller Park during the Brewers – Marlins MLB game, on a day devoted to honoring the great players of the Negro Leagues; and

WHEREAS, *George Altman was born on March 20, 1933 and went on to achieve success and recognition as a member of the Negro Leagues and later Major League Baseball; and*

WHEREAS, *George Altman started his baseball career by playing with the Kansas City Monarchs in 1955, and after military service was immediately signed by the Chicago Cubs, where he played for several years and was named a National League All Star in 1963 and 1964; and*

WHEREAS, *During his career, he played with the St. Louis Cardinals and New York Mets from 1963 to 1964 before returning to Chicago in 1965 to play with his original team until 1967 and during his tenure with the Cubs, George Altman held numerous club leading averages, and in 1961 he batted .303, with 28 double, 27 home runs and 96 runs batted in, which were the top averages on the team and seventh most in the National League; and*

WHEREAS, *Upon leaving baseball, George Altman returned to Chicago, where he worked for the Board of Trade; and*

WHEREAS, *The Brewers have recognized 15 other Negro League players to date at the annual event, which includes an auction of Milwaukee Bears uniforms worn by Brewers players and coaches, and the proceeds from the auction go to the Brewers Community Foundation to benefit the Yesterday's Negro League Baseball Players Foundation and the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City; and*

WHEREAS, *For his invaluable contributions to baseball, George Altman had his name placed on a permanent display at Miller Park, and he will be inducted into the Yesterday's Negro League Hall of Fame, located at Mother Kathryn Daniel's Conference Center; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates George Altman on the honor bestowed to him by the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club on the occasion of its eighth annual Negro Leagues Tribute event, thanks him on behalf of the community for his many contributions to baseball and wishes him continued health and happiness; and, be it*

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

Introduced and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 4, 2013:
Willie L. Hines, Jr., Joe Davis, Sr., Ashanti Hamilton, Joe Dudzik, Robert J. Bauman, Jim Bohl, Milele A. Coggs, Willie C. Wade, Robert G. Donovan, Robert W. Puente, Michael J. Murphy, Joe Dudzik, José G. Pérez, Terry L. Witkowski and Tony Zielinski.